

Council Meeting Minutes
Atonement Lutheran Church
September 22, 2008

Those present: Pastor Tom Jenkins, Cindy Hanson, Virginia Cahow, Helen Campeau, Bob Kinney, Bryan Kleen, and Andrea Quanbeck.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Council President Cindy Hanson.
2. Opening prayer: Bob Kinney
3. Around the table—personal or committee items:
 - a. Bowling started this past weekend.
 - b. Finance/Stewardship Committee:
 - Membership update needs to be done—tie this in with new directory.
 - Time and talent inventory was brought up.
 - Consecration Sunday is coming up.
 - There will be no large financial carryover for next year's budget.
 - c. Boutique concern: A large part of the work is falling on Dorri's shoulders. Suggestions for ways to help would be appreciated, as well of new ideas for appetizers/food.
4. Previous Minutes Review: Helen Campeau made a motion to accept the September 8 Council meeting minutes as written. Virginia Cahow seconded the motion; the motion passed. September 8 minutes accepted as written.
5. Council meeting schedule:
 - a. Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. on October 13th and October 27th. October 13th will be a regular business meeting; on October 27th, Council will do a “walk-around” of the church to see what repairs or improvements might be necessary.
 - b. “Renew Congregation Mission” is off the calendar for Council. We will look for another event on a different weekend. “Toolkit for Congregations” is one possibility.
 - c. Council will look at planning a retreat for January.
6. Pastor Tom's report:
 - a. Edna Anderson left some money to Atonement in her estate.
 - b. Augsburg College is starting a Pastoral Leadership Continuing Education series. Pastor Tom will be attending a meeting.
 - c. Joel Gueningsman may become a Contextual Education student at Atonement.
7. Bob Kinney made a motion to approve Joel Gueningsman as the Contextual Education Student at Atonement for October 2008-May 2009. Virginia Cahow seconded the motion. The motion passed.

8. Staffing at Atonement: Bryan Kleen will be the Council contact person for staffing issues at Atonement. Action item: Bryan will talk to Lorna about doing Nancy Jahnke's review.
9. Charitable Giving Fundraiser: Charitable Giving proposed a Council Dance fundraiser, at which people would pay for dances with council members. Money raised would be used to address Hunger issues. Council would like more information before committing to this.
10. Healing Room: No further update on this.
11. Concern was raised that people need to remember to go through proper committees and proper channels at Atonement to get things approved, funded, and completed. A gentle reminder will be placed in the newsletter to bring this issue to people's attention.
12. Midweek services: Council will mull over the idea of continuing to have a midweek service at Atonement.
13. Pictorial directory: Virginia Cahow provided an update on pictorial directory progress.
14. Helen Campeau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bryan Kleen seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Quanbeck, Council Secretary