

## Atonement Council Minutes for March 26, 2026 at 7:00pm

### Council Attendees (8/11)

Matt Badding (zoom)	<del>Lyn Bowers</del>	Angie Brickson
Genevieve Brown	Cathy Dykman-Acinger	Tim McCandless
Greg Moffitt	Jeremy Otto (zoom)	Neil Pfeiffer
<del>Dave Stelzer</del>	<del>Laura Trentadue</del>	

### Other Attendees

Pastor Zac Sturm, Drew Renollet, Toni Pearson, Nathan Choate (zoom), Pat Bjuland (zoom),  
Pastor Jordan (zoom)

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### Opening Devotions – Matt Badding

- Reading from Portals of Prayer: “Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” celebrating Charles Wesley.

### Friendly Fellowship – Genevieve Brown

- Everyone was invited to share a story about their favorite pet.

### President’s Direction – Cathy Dykman-Acinger

- Remind everyone the Good Faith Network: Nehemiah Action gathering is Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- What does the word “Hosanna” mean? It means “Save Us” which puts a whole new light on the common Palm Sunday phrase.

### Monthly Ministry Highlight – Drew Renollet

Youth & Family (YFAM) Ministries: Report on of Details.

- YFam has been going really well and been having consistent active participation.
- How things are currently going:
  - » Hang Times going well, about 10-15 Middle Schoolers every Sunday night, will be moving from 6pm to 7pm to better accommodate schedules for families.
  - » Bible Study, about 2-3 High Schoolers regularly attending each Wednesday night.
- Calendar of Up-coming Events:
  - » Trivia Night & Chili Cookoff, is coming up right after Easter, April 18<sup>th</sup>
  - » Graduation/Graduate Celebration will be May 10<sup>th</sup>, 5 Seniors would love to be celebrated.
  - » Stole Making for Confirmation students on May 15<sup>th</sup>, Boo & Pastor Jordan will be helping the kids and Drew & Pastor Zac with the crafting and construction.
  - » Confirmation on Pentecost, May 24<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day weekend, will be confirming 16 8<sup>th</sup> Graders.
- Summer Trips Plans:

- » Rainbow Trail – 15 Middle Schoolers are signed up for June 7-13th, and 5 High Schoolers are signed up for July 5-11th.
- » Mission Trip – 6 High Schoolers going to Barnesville, MN for housebuilding/etc. on July 19-25th.
- » Atonement will be hosting 3 different visiting Mission Trip groups who are coming to Kansas City.
- Young Adult Events:
  - » First event they went to Top Golf and had 4 who attended
  - » Second event was dinner at Sickies Garage Burgers with 3 who attended.
  - » Third event is coming up at Chicken&Pickle with 5 young adults who have signed up.
  - » Great start – Drew is hoping to start to have an event at least once-a-month and looking to grow.
- Methods of Communication:
  - » Mainly text message chains as the primary form of reminders and communication.
  - » Has one message group for middle school and one for high school.
  - » Easy way to reach them since most kids already have phones and is usually close by.
- Welcoming New Couples & Kids:
  - » Drew is always present each Sunday in the Lobby to capture and welcome new individuals and families, usually welcoming on average 1 new adult each week (18-35 years old).

## February Minutes

- **MOTION #1:** (Angie Brickson moves, Greg Moffit seconds)  
*Motion to approve the council meeting minutes from February 26, 2026, without correction.*
  - 7 voting members present: **all verbal Ayes, no Nays, Motion Carries**

## Pastor Report – Pastor Zac

- Lent, Holy Week, and Easter are upon us – getting great feedback on the dialectic theme.
- Capital Campaign is broken into three waves. First wave of lead gifts is mostly complete, the second wave for Vision Gatherings starts in late April after to Easter, and the third wave for the public campaign and will start in May.
- Started everyone thinking about Mission, Vision, and Values to prepare for the Leadership Strategy Retreat.

## Ministry Reports

- Read through each Staff Report's "*Requested Support from Council*", items of note:
  - » Please continue to greet people after and before worship.
  - » What stood out is continuing need for strategy and progress on communication, organization, and planning for our future.
  - » Pastor Jordan is excited that she needs to buy more communion kits because she has had lots of new volunteers to help with home visits for communion.
  - » Suggestion to incorporate QR Codes for digital giving on Noisy Offerings on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

## Treasurer's Report – Mike Daley & Tim McCandless

### February 2026

#### Topline & Giving

- February ended \$11,000 worse than budget, with a deficit of \$17,000 (planned deficit of ??)
- General Fund giving was \$13,000 below budget
- Dedicated giving to Campus Sustainment was \$2,300
- February notes:
  - The adjusted transfer to Campus Sustainment for February was \$5,000 (\$7.5 less than the full \$12.5K) to better manage cash flow for 2026.

#### Balance Sheet

- Cash balances for February ended:
  - \$109,000 in unrestricted cash (prior month: \$86,000)
  - \$310,000 in restricted cash (prior month: \$354,000)
  - \$419,000 total (prior month: \$440,000)
  - \$22K free cash balance: *Unrestricted Cash of \$109K includes advanced giving of \$87K.*
- Advanced giving balance is \$87,000 (prior month: \$46,000)
- Campus Sustainment is at \$222,000 (prior month: \$215,000)

#### Budget

- Expenses were \$400 better than budget with the following line-item variances noted:
  - Better: Communication \$1,000
  - Better: Payroll \$800
  - Worse: Office Supplies \$1,800 ⇒ due to upgraded two annual subscriptions
  - Worse: Utilities \$2,300 ⇒ due to higher KCP&L and gas costs than budget
  - Better: Property \$1,600 ⇒ due to less snow removal than expected and landscaping timing
  - Worse: Worship \$2,300 ⇒ due to timing of January contract musicians & annual subscriptions
  - Better: KFam \$700
  - Worse: YFam \$1,400 ⇒ due to timing & prepaying summer trip
  - Better: All other categories \$700
- Year-to-date general expenses are \$16,000 better budget.
- Year-to-date general fund giving is \$26,600 worse than budget.
- Year-to-date deficit actual is \$61,900 (year-to-date deficit plan was -\$53,300).
- Year-to-date total variance is \$8,600 worse than budget.

## Mission Investment Fund Loan Update – Tim McCandless

- Should have completed details for next month's council.

## Operations & Properties Report – Toni Pearson & Dave Stelzer

- Showed the drone footage flying around the outside of Atonement, showing where the HVAC units are located, where the mechanical service room is with the air handler inside, the HVAC units in front of the mechanical service room doors, and the difficulties of the parking lot for a crane set-down area.
- Currently working on repairing the circuit that previously was not running, half of the sanctuary HVAC unit, not a fix but which should extend the crunch time so hopefully it doesn't fully die before replacing it this summer.
- Working on replacing the Sound Board, which will cost \$18K, partially funded by generous gifts.

## Up Next & Open Discussion

- Salem Lutheran Church – next meeting will be on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Next collaboration steps will be Salem will be worshipping at Atonement over the summer at 11am starting May 31. Then the proposal we will talk through is starting in the fall, an intentional blending of ministries & worship for 9 months through next May.
- Reminder for Leadership Strategy Retreat on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 3pm.

## Closing Prayer

- **Come Thou Fount | Celtic Worship**, Celtic Worship, 2021  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XKOoeTbjSel>

**Adjourn at 8:40pm**

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*Recorded by: Neil Pfeiffer*

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