

Abiding Grace Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
November 12, 2012

Sharing God's love and grace with All!

Council members present: Nick Billardello, Lisa Harrington, Phil Hart, Karen Hurtado, Patti Langsdale, Ray Morrell, John Nelson, Ali Sakakeeny, Bridgett Shamburger,

Absent: Kim Haggerty, Jonathan Kraatz, Kim Saunders, Joan Veazey

Opening devotion

Bridgett opened with devotions at 7:05 pm and the sharing of our Bible moments for the month.

Approval of October council meeting minutes

Ray moved to accept the minutes, Bridgett seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's report

Ray made a motion and Phil seconded to approve the financials for October. Motion passed.

The council discussed the budget due dates.

Committee Reports and Updates

Stewardship Committee

Stewardship talked again about whether or not to use the plastic cards for electronic givers. They said they will defer to Council. Council did agree to create the cards and Phil had a draft made up to show us.

Outreach Committee

Outreach committee is setting up an Angel Tree for the church in Alvarado. There will be a Posada Service on 12/15. The Posada Tree goes up 11/25.

Worship and Music Committee

We will decorate the church the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Choir holiday party is 12/7 at the Harringtons' house and they will be having fellowship and caroling in the neighborhood around that area.

Other discussion

We discussed a family friendly New Year's Eve party and use it as a fundraiser for our Nursery. Instead of planning another event, we'll add a Nursery fundraiser to the already planned Advent dinner. Thrivent money is available for matching funds. Nick will work with Kim to organize.

Committee reports are due for next month by Wednesday, Dec 5. Please send them to Kim Saunders and copy John.

Caroling for the 16th is cancelled in lieu of Alvarado event.

Property purchase update: see report from committee.

We will leave the Congregation meeting for 11/18 on the calendar just in case.

We'll work on getting Marcy's committee to get a cleaning day. Then Janitorial services will be budgeted for 2013.

Visioning meeting with Council, staff, and committee Chairs will be 1/5/13 from 9-noon then lunch. The 12/1/12 workshop is cancelled.

Property use policy was found, but it has not been formalized. The Executive Committee will look at that policy and formalize to present to Council early next year.

New Business

Deferred discussion about background checks till Jonathan can be here.

We'll need to budget cable and internet for next year. The hotspot can't handle the volume we have any more.

We found 250 chairs for \$17 a chair (\$65 per chair est if new). Agreed we need a plan of property purchases and an orderly approach to furnishing the building before we make those decisions. We'll create a task force to help us create that plan. We will do that after the visioning meeting in January.

Closing

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Committee Liaisons

	Liaison	Chair	Principal duties
		Marcy McTaggart	
Chris. Educ.	John Nelson	and staff	Sunday school, Wednesday program, VBS
Fellowship	Kim Haggarty	Linda Gaffney	Events, small groups (men's/women's ministry)
Finance	Phil Hart	Lisa Harrington	Finances

Member Care	Joan Veazey	Dee Rose	New members, records, home-bound meals, Stephen Ministry
Outreach	Karen Hurtado	Lynne Freeman	Service projects and appeals, Great Day of Service, visitors
Personnel	Jonathan Kraatz	Tim Draney	HR functions for staff, procedures for volunteers
Property	Ray Morrell	Chip Sakakeeny	Care of real estate and furnishings
Stewardship	Bridgette Shamburger	Jim Looft	Fall stewardship and time-and-talent
Worsh./Music	Patti Langsdale	Sue Dalbout	Worship support, altar guild, music supplies
Youth	Ali Sakakeeny		Programs for pre-school through HS