

**Desert Cross Lutheran Church Council Minutes**  
**April 17, 2017**

**Present:** Don Pelley, Jim Matthews, Paul Fagerman, Jennifer Hunsaker, Stanley Fernandes, Dale Martin, Brian Riensche, Jennifer Hefner and Dan Apel

**Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Doug Bjotvedt

**Devotions:** Stan opened with devotions.

**Agenda / Minutes Approval:** Jim moved and Paul seconded the acceptance of the amended April Agenda, and Dale moved and Stan seconded that the March Minutes be accepted. Council approved both motions unanimously.

**Old Business:**

1. Town Hall Meeting- Held in the Tempe Sanctuary on April 2nd. The meeting was summarized and sent out to the congregation in the weekly newsletter. There was a commitment made to pray about upcoming decisions.
2. Congregational Meeting- April 30th, 2017. New Council members will be elected. Jessica Robinson has been nominated for Vice President and Rebekah Doll has been nominated as a Member at Large. Endowment Committee has recommended that Janet McCarthy be nominated to serve on the Endowment Committee. There will be a slideshow presentation for the RENEW Capital Facilities and Mission and Outreach campaign. Jim motioned and Paul seconded a motion for the Church Council to recommend a proposal of a three year pledge campaign to raise \$452,000, with no funds to be spent on facility improvements until \$250,000 is in hand. The primary purpose of the campaign is to make facility improvements to the Tempe campus. \$41,000 of the campaign will be dedicated to Mission and Outreach. The Church Council will appoint a six person RENEW Team to oversee the facility improvements. Council unanimously approved.

**Reports:**

1. President's Report- Discussed the new Council nominations.
2. CCMM- There were no major concerns brought to the Council.
3. Financial Report- March was better than February. Still tracking \$12,000 behind last year, which means we will likely have a problem in the third quarter. Jim moved and Dan seconded that we accept the financial report as presented. Council unanimously approved.
4. Program Reports- Thank you to the staff for your ongoing efforts in ministry. The Council appreciates the monthly updates.
5. Report from Interdependence Model- Looking into a small six person at large council in Gilbert. Two of the members would also serve on the larger Church

Council. Other members would be appointed by a Nominating Committee. Meeting will be the second Monday or Thursday of each month.

**New Business:**

1. Finance Committee Review, First Quarter- Decided to lean on analysis of the First Quarter. Running behind last year. Anticipate that there will be trouble in the fall. Need to encourage people in their regular giving and hope that it is not at odds with the Capital Campaign.
2. Teller Policies- It was determined that it had become too difficult to perform the Teller Process with volunteers due to their changing life situations and the inability to find replacements. This was discussed by the Finance Committee. It was recommended that this become a staff function. Policies and procedures for the Teller Process were created and added to the Policies and Procedures Manual of Desert Cross. The Council recommends that these Teller Policies and Procedures be accepted.
3. Summer Office Hours- Doug requested that we change the church office hours from 8:00-4:30 Monday to Thursday and 8:00-2:30 on Fridays to 9:00-4:30 Monday to Thursday and 9:00-12:00 on Fridays. Jim moved and Dale seconded to adopt the new summer hours as proposed. Council unanimously approved.
4. Synod Assembly- June 9th and 10th in Mesa. Need to select two male and two female delegates to attend.

**Prayer Concerns:** Prayers for Cid Stiefel as she recovers from surgery. Prayers of good health for Pastor Matt and Pastor Andrea and their families. Prayers for Mike Kraemer.

Youth Rummage Sale- April 22nd

Family Night- April 26th

Congregational Meeting- April 30th

Last Day of Sunday School in Gilbert- May 7th

Mother's Day/Last Day of Sunday School in Tempe- May 14th

Next Council Meeting- May 15th

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Hunsaker, Council Secretary