

Desert Cross Lutheran Church Council Minutes

December 19, 2016

Present: Don Pelley, Jim Matthews, Paul Fagerman, Dan Apel, Dale Martin, and Stan Fernandez

Absent: Jennifer Hunsaker, Jenn Hefner, and Bryan Riensche

Staff Present: Pastor Dan Megordan, Pastor Matt Dobyns , Pastor Andrea Cain, and Doug Bjotvedt

Devotions: Dale Martin opened the meeting with devotions

Agenda/Minutes Approval: Jim Matthews moved and Dan Apel seconded the acceptance of the December agenda; and Jim Matthews moved and Dan Apel seconded that the November Minutes be accepted. Council approved both motions unanimously.

Reports

- President's Report – Don described how he had been looking back at the past year and reflected on the good sermons, the iHelp program, the refugee family, and all the other ways Desert Cross reaches out to help.
- Pastor Matt – Good conversations about Advent. Planning for Spring activities and programs. Looking forward to the Reformation 500 activities and celebrations. Normal plugging away.
- Pastor Andrea – Advent and Christmas preparations keeping everyone busy. MOPS program at Gilbert doing very well. Great ladies luncheon focused on vintage Christmas and traditions. Encouraged all to attend Reformation Retreat in January.
- Pastor Dan: Reinforced call to participate in the Reformation Retreat. Pleased to see the growth in the music programs at Gilbert – including the performance of a Christmas Cantata. About 50 people were attending Gilbert Advent services. "Listening Post" meeting to be held on February 12 in Gilbert to discuss specific Gilbert issues. Legacy Planning meeting scheduled for January 29. Introduced idea of an "Imagine Tomorrow" capital campaign (with handout). Proposed 3-year campaign focused on Mission, Outreach, and Facilities. Strong unanimous consensus to continue with a fast-track development of a campaign.

Old Business

- Pledge Card Update – Pledges for 2017 appear to be up from last year. Anticipate being able to meet the budget.
- Discussion about the budget and accounting practices. Recommendation to discuss the idea of adopting a single-fund budget with the Finance Committee and the Stewardship Committee.

Reports (cont'd)

- Financial Report – Finances looking better with 2 weeks to go in the year. Hopeful budget will be close to being balanced at close of fiscal year. Jim motioned and Dan seconded to accept the Financial Report as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion.
- CCMM Report – no significant comments from congregation
- Program Reports - no comments or questions about reports

New Business

- Member Records – Transfer to Inactive – after a brief discussion about how names are added to this list, Jim made the motion and Stan seconded to accept the report. The Council unanimously accepted the report.
- Covenants – Mission and Outreach – Doug presented a listing of the Mission & Outreach payments that have been made to date, and those that are proposed to be made by the end of the year. Jim made the motion, and Stan seconded to satisfy our commitments as described in the listing. The Council unanimously approved the motion.

Prayer Concerns

Prayers for Jenn Hefner, Ross Reck, and Tracy Clark. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes recorded by Dale Martin and transcribed by Don Pelley

Respectfully submitted,
Don Pelley, Congregation President.