

Desert Cross Lutheran Church Council Minutes
February 20, 2017

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

Absent: Jennifer Hefner

Staff Present: Pastor Dan Megorden, Pastor Andrea Cain, and Doug Bjoetvedt

Devotions: Paul opened with devotions.

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

Old Business:

1. None

Reports:

1. President's Report- Gilbert Listening Post last Sunday, struck by the divide between younger and older.
2. Pastor Andrea- The piano fundraiser in Gilbert is going well, at about one fifth of the goal last Sunday. First stewardship video went out today, lots of positive feedback. Good new member classes, with good connections made. Faith Friends and Beer and Bible going well.
3. Pastor Dan- Lent is coming. Ash Wednesday is March 1st. There will be noon services and evening services with light meals. Pastor Steve's Tuesday night Bible study is going well. Synod bishop is anticipating receiving a call and will be exiting the office of the bishop early. There will likely be an interim bishop that will serve the last year of his term. Has been talking at each service about outreach to those who are spiritual but not religious. Still need to figure out what the metrics would be for measuring "success."
4. CCMM- There were no major concerns brought to the Council.
5. Financial Report- Helen Wilson bequeathed 15% of her estate (not to exceed \$50,000) to be distributed to the church she attended, with funds to be used strictly for outreach ministry for the poor. Fund 106- the Helen S. Wilson Outreach Fund, was created and will be seen in next month's Current Assets Sheet. Jim moved and Dale seconded that we accept the financial report as presented. Council unanimously approved.
7. Program Reports- Thank you to the staff for your ongoing efforts in ministry. The council appreciates the monthly updates. It was good to see the high numbers for Reformation 500 events.

New Business:

1. Audit Report- The Audit Committee met on January 31, 2017. There were no significant findings which was very positive. Paul moved and Jim seconded that we accept the auditors' report. Council unanimously approved.
2. Endowment Recommendations- The committee feels that there are a number of items coming to them by default because of a lack of funds. Although they are recommending that the items be approved, they are concerned that they will not have the funds to do so in the future. Jim moved and Dale seconded that the Endowment Committee recommendations be accepted. Council unanimously approved.
3. Annual Meeting Agenda- Will be at 4 p.m. Agenda items: updates on Gilbert interdependence, three-year initiative, budget, nominating committee for Council.
4. Gilbert Interdependence Team Update- Put together a charter document to determine the scope, boundary conditions, deliverables, metrics, meeting schedule, approvals, communications, team members, and goal date of November 1, 2017 to come up with the structure of what interdependence will look like.

Prayer Concerns: Prayers for Michelle Reaban dad as he recovers from surgery. Blessing for Michael and Mandi as they are adjusting to have a new baby at home. Continued prayers for Jenn Hefner, Andy Robinson, and Mike Kramer.

Annual Meeting- February 26th
I-Help Hosting- February 28th
Next Council Meeting- March 20th

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Hunsaker, Council Secretary