

Desert Cross Lutheran Church Council Minutes
February 19, 2018

Present: Jim Matthews, Jessica Robinson, Don Pelley, Paul Fagerman, Jennifer Hunsaker, Stanley Fernandes,

Absent: Rebekah Doll, Tom Rewolinski, Bryan Riensche, and Dan Apel

Staff Present: Dan Megordon, Matt Dobyns, Andrea Cain, Doug Bjotvedt

Devotions: Stan opened with devotions.

Agenda / Minutes Approval: Jim moved and Paul seconded the acceptance of the January Agenda and the acceptance of the January Minutes. Council approved the motion unanimously.

Old Business:

1. RENEW Mission- Stories of Joy Update- Good readership, about 150 people are signed up. They are being shared, but it's hard to say how much. Will continue to keep an eye on it.
2. RENEW Home Update- Roof Update- Contract is signed. Construction is supposed to start by mid-March. We will have a firm date by Sunday. Parking Lot Update- Proposing to just re-do the striping in the north lot, re-do the sealing and striping in the south lot and in Gilbert. Selected contractor is KFM Striping and Curb Co. Total cost is \$28,050. Paul moved and Stan seconded that the Church Council accept the recommendation of the RENEW Planning Committee to enter into a contract with KFM Striping and Curb Co. Council unanimously approved.

Reports:

1. President's Report- Jim hoping to be more actively involved in the next month or two. Jessica appreciative of her time served on the Council.
2. Pastor Andrea- Just wrapped up winter session of Faith Friends, until after Lent. Asked the group how they found Desert Cross and most of them said through the website. Has been thinking about how we are presenting ourselves to visitors and new members. A lot of pastoral care- end stages of life, pre-marital couples, celebrating milestones. Encouraged Council members to get to know new people instead of gravitating toward the same people.
3. Pastor Matt- Fun seeing how the "Artist in Residence" and theme of Lent have grown. First Communion instruction starts this week and lasts for three weeks. A lot of planning has gone into Campfirmation this year.
4. Pastor Dan- \$3,000 challenge grant for the Hunger Jar, just went over that amount and received a match by a donor. Meagan wants to re-design the webpage. Synod Assembly is in Tucson in June. Denise and Mike McClellan have offered to represent Desert Cross. Dan will look for two more parishioners to go.

5. CCMM- Several questions related to the timing of starting the roof repair. One person asked whether it would be possible to get the year-end statement emailed. Doug reported that the IRS requires them to be sent. There was another question about online Bible studies. Will look into the possibility of doing something online next fall.
6. Financial Report- Paul reported that what was published regarding the year-end financial report was in fact correct. January started off as predicted. Plan for 2018 appears stable and we are in a stronger place than we were in last year. Paul moved and Don seconded that we accept the financial report as presented. Council unanimously approved.
7. Gilbert Chamber Report- Report was received. Chamber seems very engaged and very energized.
8. Committee Reports- Doug will send an email with the Endowment Committee recommendations and ask for approval via email vote.
9. Program Reports- Thank you to the staff for your ongoing efforts in ministry. The Council appreciates the monthly updates.

New Business:

1. Annual Meeting Agenda- February 25th at 4pm. 1) 2017 Financial Review- Paul to lead discussion 2) Nominating Committee- Jessica to lead discussion, will update the congregation about changes to the Council composition this year. 3) RENEW: Update- Jessica and Bill will lead the discussion.
2. Synod Assembly- discussed during Pastor Dan's report.

Prayer Concerns:

None

Next Council Meeting- March 19th

The meeting was adjourned and closed with Pastor Dan leading us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Hunsaker, Council Secretary