

Desert Cross Lutheran Church Council Minutes
January 15, 2018

Present: Jim Matthews, Jessica Robinson, Don Pelley, Paul Fagerman, Jennifer Hunsaker, Rebekah Doll, Stanley Fernandes, Tom Rewolinski, Bryan Riensche, and Dan Apel

Absent: None

Staff Present: Dan Megordon, Matt Dobyys, Andrea Cain

Members of the Public: Bill Lundin

Devotions: Jennifer opened with devotions.

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

Old Business:

1. RENEW Mission- Stories of Joy- It has gone live. Sending them out twice a week. It will be a learning process. Stories of good news and joy. Will see how it grows, develops, and emerges.
2. RENEW Home Update- The Renew Home team has a meeting this month and will then have a plan for February. There is an expectation from the congregation to have a recommendation regarding the parking lots. Received a contract from the roofer. Doug will work out the scheduling.

Reports:

1. President's Report- one
2. Pastor Andrea- Last week, spent the whole week at a continuing education class called "Executive Skills for Pastors." 4 professors from Cal Lutheran from their MBA program and another professor from Boston. Long intense days, thinking about concepts of business and how they can be applied to the mission of the church. Faith Friends starts back up tomorrow with a study on the surprising women of the Bible.
3. Pastor Matt- Gilbert Chamber has gotten up and started rolling. He is the pastoral point person. Coming up on Lent: Communion instruction for 4th and 5th graders; 7th/8th grade Confirmation students encouraged to come to the mid-week services; looking at the voice of the prophets- justice, mercy, and forgiveness; artist in residence, Heatherlyn, will be with us/some of the time remotely. January 25th she and her husband will be starting a mini-music tour throughout the Southwest, and will do a meet and greet with the congregation in Gilbert.
4. Pastor Dan- Ash Wednesday is February 14th. Will be having only services at the Tempe location, Heatherlyn will be with us. Teams in Gilbert are up and running. Good cross pollination between sites for the Outreach team luncheon. Jacque Jecker, Worship Coordinator, is moving to Texas. The position is highly relational. At church for Saturday evening, and Sunday mornings. Jessica Robinson has agreed to take over the position. She will begin training alongside of Jack in March. Consequently, Jessica will leave the Council on March 1st. Bryan motioned and Stan seconded that the Council appoint Paul Fagerman to the Vice President position and Vince Sciamie to the Treasurer position. Council approved unanimously.
5. CCMM- The only question expressed was when will the roof repairs start.
6. Financial Report- We ended the year with positive money in the account, which is a first for several years. We were able to meet all of the expenses and have a

carryover. There is some question about the amount of carryover, \$4,000 vs. \$40,000. Working on figuring out which it is. Paul moved and Jim seconded that we accept the financial report as presented with the understanding that we may make an adjustment later. Council unanimously approved.

7. Gilbert Chamber Report- Cross was submitted to the city and was approved, awaiting a building permit. Next meeting will discuss terms of service: 1 year, 2 year, and 3 year terms. Next meeting will be more structured. Next Sunday will have the installation of the Chamber during the service. Still have \$5,500 in funds for repairs. Chamber voted to allow a woman to rent suite 103 to expand her preschool business for an 18 month lease. After the 18 months are up, she may want to utilize the unfinished space next door. She will use the space Monday through Thursday. Church would still be allowed to use the space for Sunday School. Bryan moved for Doug to enter into a contract with Cassie Millar for space 103 in Gilbert. Council unanimously approved.
8. Committee Reports- None.
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- February 25th at 4pm. Agenda will be set at the next meeting.
2. Congregational Statistics- Reviewed the list of members to move to be inactive. Two changes were made. Paul moved and Bryan seconded that we approve the amended list of former members moved to inactive status. Council unanimously approved.
3. Public input- Bill thought that the stewardship campaign was really good. Wants to take it back to his own church and use it. Wanted to know if we will support another refugee family. Pastor Dan stated that we are in conversation with Lutheran Refugee Services, but there has been a dramatic decrease in the number of refugees entering the country. Additionally, our most recent refugee family continues to require a significant amount of support.

Prayer Concerns:

Prayers for Carol Carrier as she continues to grieve her husband Gene. Continued prayers for Jim Matthews. Prayers for Dale Martin for a quick recovery.

Next Council Meeting- February 19th

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hunsaker, Council Secretary