

Desert Cross Lutheran Church Council Minutes
June 19, 2017

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

Absent: Bryan Riensche and Jennifer Hefner

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

Devotions: Jennifer opened with devotions.

Agenda / Minutes Approval: Jessica moved and Paul seconded the acceptance of the June Agenda, and Dan moved and Don seconded that the May Minutes be accepted. Council approved both motions unanimously.

Old Business:

1. None

Reports:

1. President's Report- Council hosting I-Help on 6/27. Attended the Grand Canyon Synod Assembly- there is a lot of stuff going on. Newly elected VP of Synod Paul Gryniwicz, Desert Cross member, wants to improve communication between synod and the churches. 90 churches in the synod, lots of new ministries.
2. Pastor Matt- Just finished annual tour in Tucson the past two weeks. He was well utilized as they were short staffed on chaplains. Wonderful experience. Finalizing administrative pieces for Campfirmation.
3. Pastor Andrea- Lots going on. Last week went to ChristCare leader training in Gilbert to give instruction on administering Holy Communion. Will be gone in July, on vacation and to a conference at Luther Seminary. Synod Assembly was really good, neat to see people disagree civilly about a proposed resolution. Working with Denise McClellan on Adult Ministries for the Fall. Has been working with the Alter Guild in Gilbert to find a better way to serve Communion.
4. Pastor Dan- Fun to see the energy and excitement from VBS, hats off to Shannon and Hannah. Had a first conversation with Ken Moy and Masterworks. There are a number of institutions that are very curious about what Desert Cross is going to discover. Next step, they want to do an on-site full day at Desert Cross, possibly the second week of August.
2. CCMM- Lots of comments in Gilbert. Some parishioners would like an emergency contact number for pastors. It was discussed during Council that the best way to reach Pastors is via email which goes directly to their Smartphones. Others asked about adding a line item to the white board for which pastor is preaching. There was another comment regarding better communication regarding the pastors' overall schedule. It was discussed that there is always pastoral coverage, pastoral schedules will not be shared in advance as it is a security issue. People wanted to know when Gilbert will be financially self-sufficient. It was explained that they should be directed to talk to Paul, also Leadership Team will do quarterly updates. There were no comments/concerns brought to the Council in Tempe.

3. Financial Report- Finance committee met last week. Ahead of last year by about \$6,000 in fund giving. For the month, lost \$500, attributed to Mexico Mission Trip and Beach Camp funding. Renew Campaign money is in a separate secondary account. Paul moved and Dan seconded that we accept the financial report as presented. Council unanimously approved.
4. Report from Interdependence Model- Met on May 25th. Reviewed questions/concerns from Leadership Team. Discussed budget. Talked about electing the Leadership Team. Each Leadership Team member will report on areas of emphasis. Goal is to wrap up by November. Will need to either have longer meetings or more meetings in order to meet the goal. Next meeting is Thursday June 29th, focus will be on authority, accountability, and finance.
5. Program Reports- Thank you to the staff for your ongoing efforts in ministry. The Council appreciates the monthly updates.

New Business:

1. RENEW Update- 109 pledge cards received, totaling a little over \$317,000. Should have all the pledge cards we will get by July 1st. \$282,000 is designated for Renew our Home. Projected that we will have half of that by March 2018. If we do not meet the goal of \$452,000 the Council will have to prioritize what renewal projects to complete (i.e., sanctuary roof, community center roof, parking lot, etc.). Thank you cards will be sent to those who have pledged.
2. Korean Church- Doug completed their 12 month lease and sent it to them. Still waiting for them to sign the lease. They would like to start July 9th.
3. Property Utilization- Looked into option of having a preschool. This was discussed in 2001 and not found to be feasible. There is someone who is possibly interested in renting the space for an existing preschool. Jim and Jessica will continue to explore. Very preliminary conversation with Chandler YMCA for pre/post-school programming. Developer very interested in putting housing onto Tempe property, joint venture. Eleven 1200 square foot cottage home rentals designed for short-term transitional use or Section 8 housing. Will continue to keep pursuing all of the above ideas.

Prayer Concerns:

Continued prayers for Mike and Elaine Kraemer. Prayers for Dan Apel, for the loss of his mom. Prayers for Pastor Matt and the Campfirmation kids. Prayers for safe travels for Pastor Dan.

Campfirmation- June 25th

I-Help- June 26th

Mexico Mission Trip- July 10th

Next Council Meeting- July 17th

The meeting was adjourned and closed with Pastor Dan leading us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Hunsaker, Council Secretary