

Desert Cross Lutheran Church Council Minutes
March 20, 2017

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

Absent: Jennifer Hefner and Dan Apel

Staff Present: Pastor Dan Megorden, Pastor Matt Dobyms, and Doug Bjotvedt

Devotions: Jennifer opened with devotions.

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

Old Business:

1. None

Reports:

1. President's Report- no report.
2. Pastor Matt- In the midst of a lot. Confirmation students are connecting during the Lenten services. 4th and 5th graders are getting ready for instruction on Communion and will gather into a meal on Maundy Thursday. Campfirmation registration is open. 32 counselors have sent in applications so far (a little over a third from Desert Cross).
3. Pastor Dan- Really pleased with Adult Ministries. Pastor Steve's classes are going well. Adult Forums are going well. Fun hearing other voices during Lenten services. Video conference calls with Kn Moy and Kay Edwards have been very interesting. Kn Moy will be coming to do a Mission Moment at the April 1st/2nd services to talk about what they are learning about generations. Local congregation has a key role in this because we understand our situation. Still no cost estimates.
4. CCMM- There were no major concerns brought to the Council.
5. Financial Report- Fund giving was up \$6,000 over January, still tracking \$12,000 behind last year. This month seems to be going well so far. Helen S. Wilson Outreach Fund is in place and has restricted use. It will only be used for the poor. Dale moved and Jim 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.
8. Report from Interdependence Model- Have not met since last Council meeting, may meet this coming Thursday. The plan is to set some structure.

New Business:

1. Town Hall Meeting- April 2nd invite people to come and talk about campus improvements and outreach initiative. Need to take action at the next Congregational Meeting. Will be held in the Tempe Sanctuary.
2. Congregational Meeting Date- Will be voting in new Council members and Endowment members along with possible capital campaign. April 30th at 4pm.
3. Temporary Cleaning Needs- Cid has a shoulder tendon injury and will likely require surgery after Easter. 4 to 6 month recovery period, will be Workman's Comp. Need to fill the gap, looking to see if we can fill the position internally.
4. I-Help Hosting- Dick Andrews looking for someone to host in June. Council will plan on hosting.

Prayer Concerns: Prayers for lone Aldrich as she mourns the loss of her sister. Prayers for the family of Christine Goldberg, her memorial service is this Friday. Prayers for Mike Kraemer as he is in the midst of health issues.

Transportation Day- April 2nd
Town Hall Meeting- April 2nd
Good Friday- April 14th
Shred-A-Thon- April 15th
Easter- April 16th
Youth Rummage Sale- April 22nd
Next Council Meeting- April 17th

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Hunsaker, Council Secretary