

Desert Cross Lutheran Church Council Minutes
March 19, 2018

Present: Jim Matthews, Don Pelley, Paul Fagerman, Jennifer Hunsaker, Stanley Fernandez, Vince Sciame, Tom Rewolinski, Dan Apel, Rebekah Doll

Absent: Bryan Riensche

Staff Present: Dan Megordon, Matt Dobyons, Doug Bjotvedt

Devotions: Pastor Dan opened with devotions.

Agenda / Minutes Approval: Paul moved and Stan seconded the acceptance of the March Agenda and the acceptance of the February Minutes. Council approved the motion unanimously.

Old Business:

1. RENEW Update- Current Financials: The vast majority of people have honored their pledges. Monthly pledges are consistently coming in. There are still a few one-time gift pledges that have not yet been received. The Synod has supplied one fourth of the grant request for RENEW Mission. We have to spend that money before they will give more. Roof Update: Plan to start on April 2nd with completion around May 8th. Parking Lot Update: The parking lot company needed to add cost for striping (\$200) for basketball courts in both Tempe and Gilbert. Doug has new contracts. Repairs will start within 30 days.
2. Nominating Committee Update- Don sent out an email to the Nominating Committee with the open positions. We have identified a candidate for the Vice President Position and Secretary Position. Dan Apel is working with the Gilbert Chamber to identify someone from Gilbert to serve on Council. Bob Rose provided names of people interested in being on the Endowment Committee. Need to publish names for the Congregation two weeks prior to the April Congregational Meeting.
3. Synod Assembly- 4 voting lay members of the congregation have consented to go: Craig and Carol Shoemaker and Denise and Mike McClellan. At the assembly they will be coming up with a call committee for the new bishop who will be installed in early September.

Reports:

1. President's Report- Jim provided an update on his course of treatment.
2. Pastor Matt- Cruising through Lent. This is the time of year where he spends a lot of time talking to middle schoolers and high schoolers about the Mexico Mission Trip and Campfirmation.
3. Pastor Dan- Welcomed Vince to the Council. Special thanks to Pastor Matt for getting Heatherlyn to be a part of our Lenten experience this year. Lenten season has been good. Has attended all the Gilbert Chamber meetings. It is really fun to see the local ownership for what is happening in Gilbert.
4. CCMM- No concerns brought to the Council this month.

5. Financial Report- Doug reported that giving is down \$5,000 over last year. It has been a good March. Going to one fund has not hurt us. People are still giving similarly. Jim moved and Don seconded that we accept the financial report as presented. Council unanimously approved.
6. Gilbert Chamber Report- Dan reported that the Chamber met last Tuesday. Lots of ideas suggested. Put together a letter for the Gilbert community to update them on finances. Length of service- 3-year terms. Looking into holding a Town Hall Meeting in April to help the congregation understand the Chamber members' roles.
7. Committee Reports- Last month we did an email vote on Endowment Committee recommendations. \$10,000 for new projector in the gym; \$6,500 for youth mission trip; \$4,000 for George Johnson Restoration Rides; \$2,000 for the Kyrene Resource Center for diapers and toiletries. The Council unanimously approved the Endowment Committee recommendations. New grant recommended for approval: up to \$2,000 for an Eagle Scout project to expand pavers under the shade structure where we hold Easter services. Jim moved and Dan seconded approval of the Eagle Scout project. The Council unanimously agreed.
8. Program Reports- Thank you to the staff for your ongoing efforts in ministry. The Council appreciates the monthly updates.

New Business:

1. Possible Tenant in Gilbert- The Chamber was going to discuss. Tabled until next month, Doug to attend meeting. Person wants to teach martial arts in the area next to the church where the trapeze business used to be. They would like to use our parking lot as they will not have enough space once they put up a building. The town of Gilbert wants a use agreement for parking spaces. Need to make sure that this would not negatively impact Gilbert programming growth.
2. April Congregational Meeting Agenda Items- April 29th. Election of new Church Council members and Endowment Committee members. Update on RENEW projects.
3. IRA Distribution- Recently received an IRA distribution and the person didn't know that it was possible to do this until speaking with a Financial Planner. Doug thinks it would be helpful for the Church to again let parishioners know about this option, haven't done so since 2016.

Prayer Concerns:

Prayers for Rosemary Kesler as she is recovering from surgery. Continue to keep Jim in prayer as he continues treatment. Prayers for Kathleen Pelley.

Next Council Meeting- April 16th

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Hunsaker, Council Secretary