

**Desert Cross Lutheran Church Council Minutes**  
**May 21, 2018**

**Present:** Paul Fagerman, Vince Sciame, Jennifer Hunsaker, Stanley Fernandez, Bryan Riensche, Tom Rewolinski, Dan Apel, Rebekah Doll, Don Pelley, Angela Nannenga, Jennifer Piellucci, and Shannon Burns

**Absent:** Jim Matthews

**Staff Present:** Dan Megordon, Andrea Cain, Doug Bjotvedt

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**Devotions:** Tom opened with devotions.

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**Agenda / Minutes Approval:** Dan moved and Don seconded the acceptance of the May Agenda and the acceptance of the April Minutes. Council approved the motion unanimously.

**Old Business:**

1. RENEW Update- The Community Center roof was completed last month. The Sanctuary roof was completed today. Doug is still waiting for an invoice on the Community Center roof. The Gilbert parking lot was done a couple of weeks ago and it has already been paid for. The Tempe parking lot repair started today and should be completed this week. Doug will provide the final numbers for the repairs in his report next month.
2. Special Council and Congregational Meetings- The Council met last week to develop a structure for the Call Committee and determined a recommended slate of candidates for the committee. The objective of the meeting was met and the Call Committee was elected.

**Reports:**

1. Staff Member's Report- Maegan Jennett, Communication Coordinator, works approximately 15 hours per week. She helps maintain the website, the bulletin, weekly e-newsletter, monthly newsletter, announcement slides, banners, and other communication that goes out. She is also on the Stewardship Committee. She works with a lot of the other staff members to get things done.
2. President's Report- Paul reviewed the process that the Council went through to create the slate for the Call Committee. He was pleased with the outcome of the meeting. The Call Committee was presented with the Ministry Site Profile to review. They will be meeting for the first time on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Following that meeting, arrangements will be made to meet with the Bishop. Discussion on what could be improved upon for selection of future call committees: list all of the

nominees under the recommended slate; ask for biographies of all the nominees or interview the candidates.

3. Pastor Andrea- Will be attending a Continuing Education event at Aurora Health. Denise Viker will be attending as well. The main topic will be about the spiritual aspects of mental health. Three new Christcare groups started in Gilbert. She has checked in with each of the groups and thinks they are off to a good start. She will be leading the Stewardship Team this year. There is a team of five people. First meeting is tomorrow night to talk about the fall Stewardship Campaign as well as what can be done throughout the year. Sitting in on the Outreach Team meeting in Gilbert. Will be leading the Kid Vid station at VBS this year.
4. Pastor Dan- June 10<sup>th</sup> will be Pastor Matt's last Sunday at Gilbert. There will be a reception for his family that day following the service. Pastor Matt's last weekend in Tempe will be the 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a reception in Tempe. Synod Assembly is coming up. Craig and Carol Shoemaker and Mike and Denise McClellan are the voting members for the new bishop, along with the three pastors. The new bishop will be elected through an open Ecclesiastical ballot. Discussed the Tempe and Gilbert interdependent relationship. He recommended that Paul review the process with the new Council members. Similar to last year, Dan will take several vacations during the summer, there will be pastoral coverage.
5. CCMM- Paul reviewed what the Church Council Member of the Month does. There is a need for visibility of the Council. No concerns were brought to the Tempe Council Members. In Gilbert there was a question related to Pastor Dan's summer schedule.
6. Financial Report- Financials were good for April, reduced the negative loss. Giving is down \$3,500 over last year, however, when we look at the bigger picture of giving at the end of the year it is not too bad. Negative balance in the Endowment Fund, however, Doug was able to sell some stock in May and the balance is now positive. Finance Committee will be setting up an account for the Call Committee candidate search fees and pastoral coverage so that we can keep track of what is spent. Stan moved and Dan seconded that we accept the financial report as presented. Council unanimously approved.
7. Gilbert Chamber Report- Working with the City of Gilbert on signage. Talked about the possible tenant and the lease. Doug does not think that it is going to come to fruition because the tenant is asking for a lot. Laura Krizan and Staci Smith are heading up the send off for Pastor Matt. Jessica Pfau is looking to update the pictorial directory. Have discussed having another Town Hall meeting in September and continuing those on a quarterly basis.
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. Endowment Committee- Doug explained how the Endowment Committee works. The Chairman of the Committee is selected by the Church Council. Bob Rose would like to step down as Chairman and he is recommending Larry Gray to take over as the Chairman. Dan moved and Bryan seconded that Larry Gray be appointed as the Chairman of the Endowment Committee. Council unanimously approved.
2. Congregational Survey- Survey was emailed out today. The deadline to respond is June 11<sup>th</sup>. Asks the congregation three questions for the Call Committee to use in regards to the pastoral selection process.

**Prayer Concerns:**

Prayers of healing for Jim Matthews as he is in the hospital and prayers of guidance for the Call Committee as they identify a new Senior Pastor.

Next Council Meeting- June 18th

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Hunsaker, Council Secretary