

**Desert Cross Lutheran Church Council Minutes
November 20, 2017**

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

Absent: Stanley Fernandes

Staff Present: Dan Megordon, Matt Dobyms, Andrea Cain

Devotions: Paul opened with devotions.

Program Director Presentation: None scheduled.

Agenda / Minutes Approval: Jim moved and Jim seconded the acceptance of the November Agenda and the acceptance of the October Minutes. Council approved the motion unanimously.

Old Business:

1. RENEW Home Update- \$238,528.07 received to date. Building team met two weeks ago, they are happy with the roof bid. Would like Council to move forward with approval of roof and parking lot bid, their opinion is that the slurry parking lot would be a better investment; however, they want to get a second bid. Will wait until the February meeting to get approval on landscape and other items. Jessica moved and Jim seconded that the congregation of DCLC authorize the Church Council in regards to RENEW Home the following: to obtain bids and engage contractors to complete Phase 1 of the RENEW campaign as cash funds are available. Phase 1 will include repairs and or replacement of the roofs of both the Sanctuary and the Community Center as well as the parking lots at both the Tempe and Gilbert campuses. The Council unanimously approved. Paul moved and Jim seconded to instruct the committee responsible for the RENEW Home campaign, to research and provide a plan for each phase of the campaign as it progresses. The motion was unanimously approved.
2. RENEW Mission Update- Denise McClellan will be the Chief Editor for the RENEW Outreach. Will roll out "Stories of Joy," new way of connecting with the digital world. Soft roll out will be in January.
3. Congregational Meeting Agenda- 1) 2017 Financial Update; 2) 2018 Budget-vote; 3) RENEW Home Update - vote; 4) RENEW Mission Initiative 5) Gilbert Interdependence- vote

Reports:

1. President's Report- Attended the Synod workshop last month. Focus was on what characteristics are wanted in the next Synod Bishop. Feedback generated during the workshop will be used in the selection process.
2. Pastor Matt- Preparing for camp this summer, quite a bit of work with the change in venue. Fall semester of Confirmation is wrapping up. It's been well attended this fall. Used the Service Sunday baptismal canvases at a baptism a few weeks ago. Fun to be a part of the ministry here.

3. Pastor Dan- Looking forward to Thanksgiving Eve service. Excited about Advent. Christmas Eve morning is the 4th Sunday of Advent, will have one morning service in Tempe. Pastor Steve will be continuing with us in 2018.
4. Pastor Andrea- The last Sunday in October was the wrap up of the Reformation studies. Ended with dinner and a movie. It was a great time, great way to wrap up the year. Faith Friends has been going well. Nice way to form new relationships. Will start back up in January. Had fun speaking in the Middle School Sunday School class last week.
5. CCMM- Some questions and comments related to the pledge cards and Gilbert Interdependence.
6. Financial Report- Forecasts were off based on actual because of gifts coming in early. Things seem to be tracking the way we thought. Paul moved and Bryan seconded that we accept the financial report as presented. Council unanimously approved.
7. Interdependence Model Report- All of the Chamber members have agreed: Facilities; Education; Worship Support; Mission/Outreach; Operations; Fellowship. Will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Laws changed in Gilbert, allowed to put up some signage, want to put up a cross to increase awareness of presence in Gilbert.
8. Endowment Committee Reports- Endowment Committee recommended that a \$2,000 grant be given to Lutheran Campus Ministries to offset costs for a trip to Germany; \$4,000 for Hidden Treasures Thrift Store to purchase a used truck; and \$3,000 for Perfect Place Adult Day Care to purchase educational books and resources for families. Jim moved and Paul seconded that the Endowment Committee recommendations be approved. Council unanimously approved.
9. Program Reports- Thank you to the staff for your ongoing efforts in ministry. The Council appreciates the monthly updates.

New Business:

1. Pledge Card Results- 125 pledge cards received last weekend. Numbers will change a little before the Congregational meeting.
2. 2018 Budget Proposal- Programs- Overall budget amount approximate \$10,000 reduction; Operations- reviewed; Salaries- 3% increase. Paul moved and Jim seconded that Council approve the budget and recommend it at the December 3rd Congregational Meeting. Council unanimously approved.

Prayer Concerns:

Prayers for Jim Matthews as he continues with treatment. Prayers for Dale Martin as he recovers.

Next Council Meeting- December 18th

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Hunsaker, Council Secretary