

## **Desert Cross Lutheran Church Council Minutes October 16, 2017**

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

**Absent:** Bryan Riensche and Jennifer Hefner

**Staff Present:** Dan Megordon, Matt Dobyms, Andrea Cain

**Devotions:** Dan opened with devotions.

**Program Director Presentation:** Denise Viker, Parish Nurse. Registered RN. Practices the subspecialty of Faith Community Nursing. Leader in the Faith Community Ministry. Very fluid position. A big part of her job is health and wellness. Last year talked about Advanced Directives, held meetings. Works with diseases and conditions as a whole. Currently promoting the Go For Life campaign. Works with resources in the community to help people from birth to end of life. Coordinates the Stephen Ministry program. Helps supervise and coordinate the Nursery staff. Works with Family Nights and MOPS. Works with Doug to make sure both campuses are safe. Support groups when needed. Blood pressure screens. Oversees an equipment loan program for the church.

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

### **Old Business:**

1. RENEW Update- Received about \$20,000 toward the \$25,000 matching campaign. We are at 83% of our total goal. We currently have \$11,000 left in the Renew Outreach and \$136,000 in the Renew our home. We have hard numbers for the roofs and parking lot. \$85,000 for sanctuary roof and \$25,000 for the community center roof. About \$25,000 for basic parking lot repair, but there are places that would benefit from more extensive improvement. It would be about \$44,000 to do more thorough repairs on the parking lot. Want to form a Committee to recommend next steps as far as how to move forward with campaign money and present that plan by the next Council meeting. Will then present it to the congregation at the Congregational meeting in December.
2. Masterworks Update- Current reality- many at DCLC understand the need for new outreach using current and emerging technology. Masterworks proposed a three year proposal for \$400,000 partnership. There is a need for the outreach, but can we afford that amount of financial commitment? They would provide direction and content platforms for \$130,000/year. Desert Cross would need to find some partners that would want to provide some significant financial support. It would be an uphill climb without major funding partners in place. Pastor Dan presented another option, which would be to use staff members and local expertise/local pros to continue with this outreach. Council agreed that we should move forward with this outreach using local resources.

### **Reports:**

1. President's Report- Synod Conference Workshop is October 28th from 9am-12pm. The focus of the conference to discuss what the churches are looking for in electing the next Bishop. All are welcome to attend. Jenn Hefner stepped down from her position as an At Large Council Member. Need to select another person to fill her position. The Executive Committee will move forward with identifying a person.
2. Pastor Andrea- Faith Friends has started up. Starting third year in Gilbert. New group just started in Tempe. Hosted An Evening with Martin Luther in Gilbert, viewed Rick Steves documentary, good crowd. Reformation Dinner and a Movie is coming up. New ChristCare groups starting in Gilbert this week. Pastor Andrea writes the weekly Bible study that is used for Christ Care.
3. Pastor Matt- Presided at the baptism of a 96 year old woman in her home. 10th graders are presenting their Faith papers. Rite of Confirmation will be on October 28th.
4. Pastor Dan- Nice group of new members joined the Congregation this past weekend. Advent midweek services at both campuses, theme will be "Waiting, Watching, Wondering." Three members of the congregation will be offering meditations that go along with this theme.
5. CCMM- No comments or concerns.
6. Financial Report- We are right about on target for our projections. We are behind, but in line with our projections. A Financial Update was presented that will be included in the Newsletter quarterly. Paul reviewed the ratings that were completed last month related to the usefulness of the reports presented. Will continue to send all the reports to Council as people found usefulness in all of them. Paul moved and Jim seconded that we accept the financial report as presented. Council unanimously approved.
7. Interdependence Model Report- Presentation three weeks ago after church service. Started by defining what interdependence means, talked about footsteps for the future and what has been happening since the vote for interdependence-seven pillars for the Gilbert Chamber. Have identified leaders for five of the seven pillars. Chamber meetings will be the second Tuesday of each month.
8. Program Reports- Thank you to the staff for your ongoing efforts in ministry. The Council appreciates the monthly updates.

**New Business:**

1. Congregational Meeting- Sunday, December 3rd at 4pm.
2. 2018 Budget Development- Will be completed and ready for Council review next month.

**Prayer Concerns:**

Prayers for K Botham's memorial service which is coming up. Prayers for the Confirmation students that will be confirmed, prayers for Jim Matthews and his medical team as he continues on this journey.

Next Council Meeting- November 20th

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Hunsaker, Council Secretary