

Desert Cross Lutheran Church Council Minutes September 18, 2017

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

Absent: Bryan Riensche, Stanley Fernandes, and Jennifer Hefner

Staff Present: Dan Megorden, Matt Dobyns, Andrea Cain, Doug Bjotvedt

Devotions: Don opened with devotions.

Agenda / Minutes Approval: Paul moved and Don seconded the acceptance of the September Agenda and the acceptance of the August Minutes. Council approved the motion unanimously.

Old Business:

1. RENEW Update- \$335,954 pledged. Launched a new campaign over the past weekend for matching up to \$25,000 for new pledges.
2. Korean Church- Meeting. Everything has been going fine. They are worshipping about 25 people. Recently started using equipment that they should not be using. It is being addressed.

Reports:

1. Staff Spotlight- Chad Diegle, Youth Ministry Director since 2000. 6th Grade- 12th Grade and Young Adults. Encompasses- Sunday School; Confirmation (2 full years of classroom time 7th/8th Grade, 9th Grade- living out what they have learned/being a servant 10th Grade, Confirmed on Reformation Sunday; Jr. High Night (Just for Fun); Campfirmation; High School Night; Fundraising for Mexico Mission Trip (Rummage Sale biggest fundraiser); Young Adult Christmas Party; Men's Mexico Mission Trip; possibly a Ski Trip.
2. President's Report- Hospitalized for four days in North Carolina. Working with a neurosurgeon at Barrow.
3. Pastor Andrea- Faith Friends continues to grow in Gilbert. Will also be trying out Faith Friends in Tempe. Helping Dawn Collins and Denise Viker hosting women's events/retreats. First one was Rebel Women of Faith this past Saturday. Next one will be around Advent and then another near Easter. Reformation Events- An Evening with Luther- Rick Steves Documentary and followed by treats. Fun to see everyone back and all the fall events getting up and running. New Christ Care leaders commissioned in Gilbert.
4. Pastor Matt- Confirmation started last week. 2nd Graders received their Bibles this past Sunday. Looking at the structure for Gilbert, a lot of good work going on. Fall Stewardship program is coming together, highlighting the story of Desert Cross- what it means to worship together. Beer and Bible started a few weeks ago, nice to be able to form some deep connections.

5. Pastor Dan- October 3rd, Masterworks is coming back to share their insights and operational strategies. 3/10 Americans participating in faith communities; 4/10 have some history/connectedness with faith communities; 3/10 are "dones" (been in communities or have no history with faith communities). Our target audience is the 4/10. How does Desert Cross engage with them? Have begun to get some hard numbers on the roof to do the Sanctuary. Still need to bid the gym space. Working on getting some hard numbers on the parking lot repair. Should be able to make a recommendation at the next Congregational meeting.
6. CCMM- No comments or concerns.
7. Financial Report- Down slightly from what we projected for the month. Council members turned in survey regarding the usefulness of the Financial Reports received from the Finance Committee. Paul moved and Jessica seconded that we accept the financial report as presented. Council unanimously approved.
8. Interdependence Model Report- There will be a 15-20 minute presentation following worship this Sunday in Gilbert regarding the status of the process. Start off by explaining what interdependence is. The team will continue to meet until they get things finalized, making good progress regarding the structure.
9. Committee Reports- The Endowment Committee recommended that \$4,000 be granted to help fund the Men's Mexico Trip. Jim moved and Paul seconded that we approve the recommendation made by the Endowment Committee.
10. Program Reports- Thank you to the staff for your ongoing efforts in ministry. The Council appreciates the monthly updates.

New Business:

1. 2018 Budget Development and Workshop- Budget process is moving along, will be finished up in the next month. Budget meeting will occur in November. Need to consider salary increases, cost of benefits increasing. Also have to make projections regarding our giving/income.
2. Cid Update- Came back to work last week without restrictions. She is doing fine.

Prayer Concerns:

Prayers of safety for Brittany Ohe who is in medical school in the Dominican Republic. Prayer for everyone dealing with the aftermath of the hurricanes. Prayers for Lola Peterson and her family as they mourn the passing of Jim Peterson. Prayers for Hilda Rose as she recovers from cornea transplant. Prayers for Jim Matthews and his medical team.

Next Council Meeting- October 16th

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Hunsaker, Council Secretary