

Desert Cross Lutheran Church
Virtual Gilbert Chamber Meeting via Zoom

April 14th, 2020

Minutes submitted by Kelly Kaiser Borning

Attendees:

Council

Angela Nannenga—P

Patrick Jennett—P

Chamber

Susan Carroll (worship 3 of 3)—A

John Hughes (finance/stewardship)—P

Angie Stone (Mission & Outreach 3 of 3)—P

Laura Krizan (Education 3 of 3)—P

Susan Johnston (facilities 2 of 3)—A

Deb Christiansen (Hospitality 1 of 3)—A

Kelly Kaiser Borning (Communication 0 of 3)—P

Pastors

Andrea Cain—P

Doris Nolan—P

Opening:

1. Called to order: 7:00pm by Angela Nannenga
2. Devotion: Patrick Jennett
3. Approval of Agenda for April: Motion: John Hughes, Second: Angie Stone, Approved.
4. Approval of minutes for March: - no Quorum for March.

Old Business:

5. No old business to discuss

Reports:

6. Council Report: April 6th (no council meeting in March). Council had a virtual meeting via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions. Council discussed when to move forward during the next couple months. Elections will be postponed until voting (in-person) can take place. Current members are asked to stay on the Chamber (will be released if not possible) until able to transition to new people, however, discussion was held on new people attending to learn/participate if able/possible. All is up-in-the-air due to uncertainty of situation. Shred-a-thon scheduled for May will be postponed to the fall. Staff is working online and sending services through YouTube. Staff is calling and checking on people (Calling Tree). Finances and government CARES Grant were discussed.

7. Pastor Report: Andrea: Staff has worked hard to figure out the new process but is starting to get into a routine and get the hang of working from home. Each staff person is taking a part in contacting people, communicating with the congregation, creating virtual worships, etc. Overall, people from the congregation are positive and doing well. This week the Bishop from the Synod will be preaching the sermon. There is now an online giving button on the website. We are not

only reaching our own congregation but also reaching others outside of our regular church-goers. Doris has been writing the daily devotions.

8. Finance Report: John reported that the finance committee is committed to meeting payroll first and foremost. The committee approved Desert Cross' application for the CARES Act Payroll Protection Program (as long as the payroll is maintained for a year, along with certain conditions, then the loan will be forgiven and is considered a Grant). They are waiting to hear the outcome of this application but have high hopes that it will be received. Going into this current time, Desert Cross was in good financial standing prior to this situation, and although giving is down somewhat (we are behind \$20K in first quarter), DCLC is currently able to continue to pay bills and payroll. Dogs 4 Vets is continuing to pay their rent, as is the Korean Presbyterian Church. Preschool has not been able to operate at this time.

9. Committee Reports: See reports submitted prior to meeting.

New Business:

10. Need during COVID-19

- Several groups and ministries within the church have stepped up to stay connected.
 - Activities continue to happen “naturally” but in a new way, ie - “Old Guys” ZOOMING instead of going to the Hen House
 - Calling Tree checking on people in the congregation so that everyone should get at least one contact to see how they are doing.
 - Spontaneous outreach is appreciated by people connecting with them.
 - Church could create a MEME (like a virtual business card) with a shareable link to direct people to the church.
 - Our location would be a good place to “advertise” to those in need. Set up a sign for people to get any extra supplies that people need.
 - Ministries and Outreaches have gone on hiatus so it would be good to have another way to give back.
 - Chamber: business as usual with reports due at regular time and if needed, we will continue to meet through ZOOM.
 - VBS is still “to be determined”

Closing:

12. Prayer Concerns: prayers for: Needens family on the loss of Melissa's grandmother; Bulin family on the loss of Laurie's father; Robinson family as Andy serves with FEMA in CA; Sjoberg family expecting a baby soon

14. Closing Prayer: Pastor Andrea
15. Adjournment: Motion: none - just disconnected...; Adjourned at 8:32 pm.

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