

Desert Cross Lutheran Church

Gilbert Chamber Meeting

November 10th, 2020

Attendees:

<u>Council</u>	<u>Chamber</u>	<u>Pastors</u>
Angela Nannenga—P	Nancy Zine (worship 1 of 3)—P	Andrea Cain—P
Patrick Jennett—P	John Hughes (finance/stewardship 2 of 3)—P	Doris Nolan—A
	Deborah Gabrielson (Mission & Outreach 1 of 3)—P Angie Stone (outgoing) - P	
	Rosemary Schlechty (Education 1 of 3)—P Laura Krizan (outgoing) - A	
	Susan Johnston (facilities 2 of 3)—A	
	Deb Christiansen (Hospitality 1 of 3)—P	
	Kelly Kaiser Borning (Communication 1 of 3)—P	

Devotions: Nancy Zine

Motion made for Approval of Agenda (November) and Minutes (October) : Motion made by John, seconded by Nancy. Motion approved.

Old Business:

1. Dogs for Vets Build Out:
 1. Contractor submitted paperwork and it is waiting for review. Doug needed more info on how to write information for hazardous material. Cost of building is a bit high so working on getting additional bids as well as looking into getting a Home Depot grant (like did for Suite 105). Pastor Andrea suggested formalizing Chamber members as the oversight body of the project to help guide the process. John suggested that he and Angela be the formal contact point with Doug to oversee the project, as they have been involved since the start. Angela will email Doug to inform him of the new “Dogs 4 Vets” committee in the chamber and to ask him to include them in the loop on what is happening. Pastor Andrea will be a back-up for support as well.

Reports:

Council report: Angela reported about the PPP loan and getting it processed for forgiveness. Doug is working on that. Talked about the reopening (services) and the congregational meeting (Oct 25th). Meeting went well. Took a while to complete the voting. New members (for Gilbert Chamber) will take their places at the end of this meeting - See “New Business” for more info on that. Difficulty with live stream video. Finances were discussed (more in that report). Talked about formalizing the Gilbert Chamber and adding it into the constitution. Moving forward with this has been delayed so that the new pastor could be involved in this process.

Pastor report: October was an “exciting” month for DCLC. The first virtual Congregational meeting went well. Elected new council and chamber members. Voted to call Pastor Thadd to serve as Associate Pastor at DCLC. Current target date for his first Sunday is January 10th. Pastor Doris is recovering well and is ready to come back on a limited basis. She will start to participate in virtual services and attend staff meetings among other things. She will not be able to participate in any in-person activities due to medical limitations. Her last Sunday will be December 27th. The first in-person worship went very well (the in-person part) but the live streaming was a bit rocky. The person who had been hired to do the live-streaming was let go. The video has been taken down. *Lindsay and Andreas Viker* have a production company and have offered to give us a consultation and help get the live-streaming set up. Pastor Andrea has spoken to another individual with experience who we hope to hire as the AV/Livestream Tech, and she is going to meet with him and Lindsay and Andreas to work on this. They will work on getting live-streaming set up so when we can worship in-person again the live-streaming will be ready to go. Currently, in relation to COVID19, our area of Arizona is in the “Red Zone” in at least one area and overall in the “Yellow Zone”. Attendance for in-person services was not overwhelming. Many people seem to still be cautious. Playlists are going well (education team - “Hope” is the new theme).

Finance report: John referred to the information from the congregational meeting. The council has approved the recommendation to use the PPP funds. October resulted in another 16K deficit, for a total of 144K deficit after October. Giving in October was a bit better than September, but both months represent a downward trend in giving. It is expected that November may be another 16K deficit. December is usually a very strong-giving month but it is not expected to be as strong this year. Hoping to finish the year out at a 100K deficit. The winter season isn’t looking very promising. The budget for next year is “under construction” and will look different from recent years. Commitment Sunday did not result in as many returned pledge cards. Typically we receive about 175 cards but this year we received fewer than this (about 125 at this time). 23 of these cards are new (have not previously pledged - new members or haven’t previously sent in pledges). Several have increased their pledges, a few have decreased. Overall a positive trend, but more pledges/cards are needed. These cards are needed to help plan the budget. There will be a virtual congregational budget meeting in early December. The forgiveness of the PPP loan may not be granted until 2021.

Committee reports: Nancy said that **Sharynn** Jennings will be doing the scheduling of the worship assistants for Gilbert now.

New Business:

1. Welcome to the new Members of Gilbert Chamber -
 1. Deb Gabrielson (replacing Angie for Mission and Outreach)
 2. Nancy Zine (Worship - has been with us a few months)
 3. Rosemary Schlechty (replacing Laura Krizan - Education)Please email Angela or previous chairs for assistance in getting started in your new roles.

2. Deb is going to meet with the hospitality team (virtually) to see if there is anything they can do to reach out to those in need.

Closing:

Prayer Concerns: Continued prayers for Pastor Doris (health and healing) as well as prayers for Pastor Thadd as he transitions to our congregation. Praise and prayers for Peyton (10) who is starting a trial treatment for her cancer. She is receiving an adult’s dose which will likely make her very ill. Tumors

have continued to grow and they are finding them in new places. Praises for the call committee for completing their work and doing a great job!

Closing Prayer: Pastor Andrea led Chamber in a prayer. "Inhale Peace, Exhale Joy"

Adjournment: Patrick motioned to adjourn, Angie seconded motion. Approved. Adjourned at 8:20pm

December Devotions: Angela Nannenga

Distribution:

Council:

Patrick Jennett
Angela Nannenga

Chamber:

Nancy Zine Deb Christensen
John Hughes Susan Johnston
Angie Stone Kelly Kaiser Borning
Laura Krizan Deborah Gabrielson
Rosemary Schlechty

Pastors:

Andrea Cain
Doris Nolan

Staff:

Maegan Jennett
Michael Lottes
Doug Bjotvedt