

Desert Cross Lutheran Church Gilbert Chamber Meeting

February 11, 2020 7:00

Minutes submitted by Kelly Kaiser Borning

Attendees:

Council

Angela Nannenga—A

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)—P later

Deb Christiansen (Hospitality 1 of 3)—P

Kelly Kaiser Borning (Communication 0 of 3)—P

Pastors

Andrea Cain—P

Doris Nolan—A

Opening:

1. Called to order: 7:00pm by Patrick
2. Devotion: Andrea led us in prayer
3. Approval of Agenda for February: Motion: Angie Stone, Second: Deb Christiansen, Approved.
4. Approval of minutes for January: Motion: Angie Stone, Second: John Hughes, Approved.

Old Business:

5. January Town Hall meeting: Discussed how the Town Hall meeting (1/26/20) went. Patrick appreciated the passion that people care about what is happening. Council had already approved the decision, but it may not have come across that way. The information had been in the Chamber and Council meeting minutes that could have been read by the congregation. Deb brought concerns from a Christ Care group to the Chamber. Contract with Dogs for Vets Discussed the best way to present Town Hall Meetings so it reaches the most people but does not interfere with guests/visitors. Possibly move it back into sanctuary, right after service, but before Sunday School/music.

Reports:

6. Council Report: John reports the Audit has been completed. Information from that should be in the annual report. Patrick reports the chamber is hosting iHELP (9/22). Membership should be updated (inactive members, students who have left for college, etc.). Discussed annual meeting. Discussed safety and security update from the incident in Tempe (police presence).

7. Pastor Report: Lent is approaching (Ash Wednesday 2/26). "Simply Advent" being continued as "Simply Lent". Deb will get sign-up sheets for soup out soon. Andrea feels there is a good positive energy at DCLC. Mission and Ministry Into the Future - Developed from the listening sessions, will develop goals to move church forward. Top areas included: 1. Welcoming 2. Good hands on serving opportunities 3. Youth programming is great. Pastor Andrea shared an article, "Nathan Kirkpatrick: Are churches counting what counts?"

8. Finance Report: John reviewed Revenue vs. Expenses report. January is the first month in 7 years that our revenue is almost the same as our expenses (on Gilbert campus). 2019 is the first year that overall revenue was more than expenses. Overall report will be adjusted by a couple thousand dollars once all numbers are in. Attendance over the last several years was very consistent, but this year our attendance is already significantly higher. Stewardship will focus on children this year. Deb Gabelson is a new member of the finance and stewardship team. RENEW is coming to an end in May (3-year pledge commitment).

9. Committee Reports: Hospitality-DEB: Just had Sweetheart Sunday. Transportation day is coming soon (3/1). Train (\$50 - now \$500) and petting zoo (\$150 - now \$315) have increased their rates. Hospitality team has paid for these in the past. Looking for different train options as this is the preferred option. Discussed the reality of construction on streets around church and how it may affect the day.

New Business:

10. New evaluation of Chamber - New positions coming up-open nomination (Worship, Ministry and Outreach, Education). Need description and expectations of the positions. Susan Carroll has procedures on altar guild, ushers, etc. Please have this done by 2/23 so it can be included in the congregational meeting.

11. Christ Care Groups: Topic came from town hall discussions. People want more of them. Andrea talked about the history of this in Gilbert. Currently 2 groups, one of them is too large. Denise McClellan is in charge of the Christ Care groups for both churches. She will likely be recruiting in the fall for more "leaders." Training involved in being a leader of these groups.

Closing:

12. Prayer Concerns: prayers for the Call Committee and .

14. Closing Prayer: Pastor

15. Adjournment: Motion: Susan Johnston, Second: Angie Stone, Approved; Adjourned at 8:35pm.