

Desert Cross Lutheran Church

Gilbert Chamber Meeting

September 8th, 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
	Angie Stone (Mission & Outreach 3 of 3)—P	
	Laura Krizan (Education 3 of 3)—A	
	Susan Johnston (facilities 2 of 3)—A	
	Deb Christiansen (Hospitality 1 of 3)—P	
	Kelly Kaiser Borning (Communication 1 of 3)—P	

Devotions: John Hughes

Approval of Agenda (September) and Minutes (August) : Motion - Deb; Second - John; Motion Approved

Old Business:

1. Sign-up sheet for IHelp -Lunches are being donated by Subway during the month of September. If we choose to bring lunch it will be donated to a food bank. Chamber decided to take lunch off the menu but add more to the dinner and breakfast that we are still bringing. Angela will add a couple things to the “menu” and send it out again for sign-ups. Plan for about 20 people (meals).

Reports:

Council report: Discussed what a virtual (ZOOM) congregational meeting would look like. Also discussed what forgiveness of the PPP loan would look like (turns into a grant if approved). Discussed the endowment committee. Some funds were voted to go towards different things like scholarships. Got an update from Doug. Dogs for Vets and preschool are both getting ready to start up again soon.

Pastor report: Andrea spends much time planning virtual worship services and has received positive feedback on the services. She has enjoyed this new part of her job. She has worked with the Stewardship team and they have been coming up with new and creative ideas and approaches to meeting this need. Andrea has been working with the council and the chamber to check in and provide leadership with those groups. She has been working on the virtual congregational meeting and how to move forward with elections. Andrea has enjoyed working with the education team. They have been producing playlists for the youth (Different playlists for different age-groups) to learn virtually - Theme for this month is “Justice”. Andrea has been providing pastoral care to families through phone calls and on Zoom. Elections would be for Chamber, Council, and Endowment Committee. If we are ready to call an associate pastor by the October Congregational meeting then we could also vote on that. John

brought up that since we have started online worship services, we have created interest with people outside of the DCLC geographical area as well as with snowbirds. Discussion was held within the Chamber on keeping some form of virtual services even after we are able to gather in-person again.

Finance report: Pastor Andrea sent a letter on August 20th which highlighted where we are through the month of July. Due to lower than projected income, the church has \$80,000 -- budgeted expenses over income. -. The Finance committee is waiting for final numbers from August as well as looking into using the PPP funds to start to cover payroll and overhead - expenses. We are waiting for guidance from Chase Bank/SBA for loan forgiveness and the application for forgiveness is in process. How we proceed in covering expenses depends on giving in August and September. Renew monies are in a "static" position during these uncertain times. The stewardship process is unique this year given our virtual world. Their theme is "Beyond the Walls TOGETHER". An introduction letter and a commitment card will be sent and then presentations will occur on Oct 4, Oct 11, and Oct 18 with videos highlighting ministries. Commitment Sunday will be Oct 25th. Members have been asked to submit videos and pictures to be used in these videos. Doug Bjotvedt has forwarded the Architect plans for Gilbert Campus Suite 101-102 build out electronically to the Town of Gilbert.

Committee reports: Finance report came out with the Chamber reports. No other reports given during the Chamber meeting.

Ongoing Business: :-)

Need during COVID-19: Angela checked in with the Chamber to see if there are any needs within the committees where extra support may be needed due to the pandemic. Arizona has been in a positive trend related to the virus so things are starting to return to "normal" (with masks, etc.) so questions about church reopening and activities starting up again are likely to arise. Pastor Andrea said there is a reopening team (which was dormant for a while when the numbers were so high) which has recently been reactivated to start to consider when the congregation can start to meet in-person again. This will include cleaning procedures and continuing to monitor numbers (after Labor Day). Communication with the rest of the church will be ongoing as decisions are made. Outdoor worship may also be considered in the fall.

Closing:

Prayer Concerns: Andrea: Prayers for Pastor Doris who had her first chemo and radiation treatment today. Treatments 5 days/week for 5 weeks. Her children are taking turns coming to help her. Angela: Update on Peyton (9). Peyton's mother, Brittney, has pre-cancer so is going to have a double mastectomy. Peyton's doctor in Arizona will not perform Peyton's surgery here due to the difficulty of the surgery. Because this is the second round of treatment they are not able to do the same treatment. Removing tumors can cause them to metastasize. Peyton is going to St. Jude's in Tennessee for surgery. They are not sure they can remove cancer from the spleen. Angie S: Savannah is having tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy in a couple weeks.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Andrea

Adjournment: Motion - Nancy Zine; Second - Angie Stone. Motion passed. Adjourned at 8:00

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