

# Desert Cross Lutheran Church

## Virtual Gilbert Chamber Meeting via Zoom

**June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Minutes submitted by Kelly Kaiser Borning

**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)—P	
	Susan Johnston (facilities 2 of 3)—A	
	Deb Christiansen (Hospitality 1 of 3)—A	
	Kelly Kaiser Borning (Communication 1 of 3)—P	

**Opening:**

Called to order - 7:08 pm by Angela Nannenga

Devotion - Laura Krizan

Approval of Agenda for June AND Approval of minutes for May - *Motion:* Patrick Jennett, *Second:* Laura Krizan, Approved.

**Old Business:**

Dogs 4 Vets - Nothing new to report. Road construction in the area is inhibiting progress.

**Reports:**

Council Report: Collected food for iHelp and then it was taken to church in Tempe (different from regular process for now). Scheduled to do it again in September, will keep updated on alternate procedures until back to “normal”. Also mentioned PPP loan/grant.

Pastor Report: Pastor Andrea reporting: The Re-Opening Planning team had an initial meeting on ZOOM, went well. Discussed logistics on physical distancing and plans for future (spacing in worship areas/chairs, use Worship AND Fellowship space to have more people able to come). Safety and health primary concerns. Wearing masks, offering when you walk in (not passed), no hand-shaking, etc. Also discussed cleaning needs and procedures and supplies that will need to be updated/ordered. No date for in-person church yet. Online church is still going strong! Discussed possible outdoor worship. Contact has been made with a potential candidate for associate pastor, but the process has been slow due to closures.

Finance Report: John reports that the giving for the Gilbert campus continues to be very strong. Our utilities have been significantly lower which helps with expenses (A/C, etc.). Decisions have been made to continue with payroll/staff. The PPP(FA) loan/grant has helped support this decision. We applied for the

\$165,000 loan which has been received. Finance team trying to get more details from SBA on the regulations/process for loan forgiveness (turning it into a grant). Overall, we are "breaking even" with income/expenses. April was a very positive month of giving as people provided extra support to the church. Summer giving is always a bit tighter. Dogs-4-Vets: They have been paying their monthly rent. The Korean Church has also kept up their rent. All renters were offered a waiver for rent for the month of June if necessary due to financial difficulties from COVID19, but not all took advantage of this. The preschool may not be able to continue the business, which may mean we would be looking for new renters (or other options - Leave vacant? Use the space for the church?). Dogs-4-Vets: hold-up is with the architect. Doug needs to follow up with them so that plans can be presented to the city (next step).

Committee Reports: No reports/information submitted prior to meeting

Education: VBS/BOLT (virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions) - about 70 kids registered/participated.

VBS was moved to an online platform due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Mission & Outreach: Desert Cross is still planning on doing a drive for back-to-school. Have drop off office hours for Tempe and discussing doing a "drive-through" drop-off point at the Gilbert site as well to collect materials for Concordia.

### **New Business:**

Need during COVID-19 - Still collecting school supplies for Concordia - June 27th and 28th (Saturday, Sunday) from 10-2. People can drive by and drop supplies off. Newsletter has a list of supplies being requested.

Updates: Talked about reopening (in pastor's report).

### **Closing:**

Prayer Concerns: Laura: Sharon Black requested prayers for Elaine who is hospitalized and for Wilmer who is in a rehab center. Pastor Andrea: For Susan Carroll as she grieves the loss of her brother and for Dan Carroll recovering from brain surgery. Angela's brother's niece continues to be medically fragile but is in remission. Staying very isolated to prevent exposure.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Andrea

Adjournment: Motion: John Hughes, Second: Laura Krizan, - Adjourned at 8:33 pm.

### **Distribution:**

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#### **Staff:**

Maegan Jennett  
Michael Lottes  
Doug Bjotvedt