

**Desert Cross Lutheran Church  
Gilbert Chamber Meeting  
January 14, 2020  
Minutes submitted by Patrick Jennett**

**Attendees:**

**Council:**

Angela Nannenga—P  
Patrick Jennett—P

**Chamber:**

Susan Carroll—P  
John Hughes—P  
Angie Stone—P  
Laura Krizan—A  
Susan Johnston—A  
Deb Christiansen—P

**Pastors:**

Andrea Cain—A  
Doris Nolan—P

**Opening:**

1. Called to order: 7:00pm by Angela Nannenga
2. Devotion: Pastor Doris prayed
3. Approval of Agenda for January: Motion: Angie Stone, Second: John Hughes, Approved.
4. Approval of minutes for December: Motion: Patrick Jennett, Second: John Hughes, Approved.

**Old Business:**

5. **January Town Hall meeting:** The meeting will be held after service in the fellowship hall. In addition to updates about the vision committee, and finance committee, we want to talk about the positions that are opening on the Chamber—Education, Worship, and Outreach. This would also be a good time to talk about how the nominating process will work, and that May will be the congregational meeting in which the new positions will become official.

**Reports:**

6. **Council Report:** As of the last Council meeting, the audit had not been completed, but according to John, it was completed on 1/14/20. The Council also talked about the ebb and flow of the budget. The Young Adults Group (YAG) is still going well and consistently getting around 8 people.
7. **Pastor Report:** Pastor Doris presented Pastor Andrea's notes: a week of prayer for Christian unity begins on Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup>, and Desert Cross is holding the first service. Pastor Andrea is leading the 2020 ChristCare retreat. The Call Committee is starting its second interview phase. The Synod Spring conference is February 8<sup>th</sup>, and Pastor Andrea wants to invite Council and Chamber members, as well as staff to attend.  
Pastor Doris: Is teaching a class on Sermon on the Mount—there are 2 classes left. Pastor Doris is also going on a trip to the Holy Land on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

8. **Finance Report:** DCLC currently has checks totaling \$126,000.00 from the Dogs 4 Vets people, but Doug wants to wait until the contract/lease agreement is finalized and signed. Giving in Gilbert has improved about 1.5% which is short of the desired 8%. Expenses in Gilbert are continuing to get more accurate as time goes on. Attendance is down this year from last year from around 129 to 122. John would also like to take time to reflect on the Chamber—its effectiveness, duties, etc.
9. **Committee Reports:** See attached committee reports.

**New Business:**

10. **I-Help:** Gilbert Chamber will host I-Help on September 22, 2020
11. **Annual Report:** Each Chamber member needs to write a small report about their duties and what has occurred in their respective areas for the annual report.
12. **Succession of Chamber Members:** Kelly Kaiser Borning accepted the Communications position. Sherry Branham is taking over for Vicki Posler as the scheduler. Dana Hargis is taking over for alter guild.

**Closing:**

13. **Prayer Concerns:** prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Olivia; prayers for the Call Committee and pastor being interviewed; prayers of safe travel for Pastor Doris; prayers of thanksgiving for Cathy and her family; Prayers of healing for Julie and Jane; prayers of peace for Helen.
14. **Closing Prayer:** Pastor Doris
15. **Adjournment:** Motion: Angie Stone, Second: Susan Carroll, Approved; Adjourned at 8:30pm.