

Desert Cross Lutheran Church
Gilbert Chamber Meeting
December 14th, 2021

Attendees:

<u>Council</u>	<u>Chamber</u>	<u>Pastor</u>
Patrick Jennett 3/3—P/Virt	Nancy Zine (Worship 2 of 3)—P/Virt	Thaddeus Book—P/Virt
Adam Pfau 1/3 - P/Virt	Glen Gabrielson (Finance/Stewardship 1 of 3)—P/Virt	
	Deborah Gabrielson (Mission & Outreach 2 of 3)—P/Virt	
	Rosemary Schlechty (Education 2 of 3)—P/Virt	
	Joe Weingartz (Facilities 1 of 3)—A	
	Deb Christiansen (Hospitality 3 of 3)—A	
	Kelly Kaiser Borning (Communication 3 of 3)—P/Virt	

Devotions: Nancy Zine

Approval of Agenda (December) and Minutes (October) (no meeting in November): Motion-**Deb G**, Second-**Adam**. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Movie Under the Moon:** Deb G reported on its success. She said there were about 45 people in attendance (hoping for 100 people, so had extra hot dogs left). Did not spend the entire \$1500 (spent closer to \$750-\$800, so may use the remainder for some type of outreach). Those in attendance had a good time. The equipment and set-up worked well. This may be something to consider doing again in the spring. The Christmas season may have been part of the reason the numbers were not as high as we would have liked. Probably should use the extra funds sooner than later. We may need to report back to ELCA on how our event went.
- General:
 - Nancy asked if minutes from Chamber meetings are being posted on the website? (Patrick: We didn't meet in November so we weren't able to approve October's minutes until tonight.) Are they also printed and posted at the church? We also used to have pictures of the Chamber members posted in the fellowship hall at Gilbert. (Patrick: we will get pictures up as soon as we can.)
 - A discussion was held on if we need to lock up the church (before the Korean church shows up) so that the church isn't left unlocked with no one there. Better communication on procedures needs to occur on expectations/duties. Patrick will reach out to Sharyn or Deb to make sure we are getting that base covered.

- **Congregational meeting:** Some of the budget cuts will affect Gilbert (such as the musical offering). It was difficult to make some cuts but it was felt to be a responsible response to the situation the church is currently in (Glen G.). The ReNew presentation was important for the congregation to hear. There were about 60 people that attended in-person and another 40 on Zoom.
- **Spirit of Joy agreement:** A committee (or 2) is reviewing an agreement with Spirit of Joy for renting the Gilbert Desert Cross Building. The specific details are still being worked out. We also have to keep in mind that we have another congregation (Korean) renting our space. They plan on continuing with their current worship time (11:30?).

REPORTS:

- **Council report:** This meeting centered around preparing for the congregational budget meeting. The council worked hard on the budget and toiled on some heartbreaking decisions.
- **Pastor report:** Pastor Thadd has been doing an Advent study/gatherings Wednesdays at noon. Christmas Eve services will be at 3:00 and 5:00 (times chosen based on when most people want to worship historically). A job description has been posted for Michael Lotte's replacement. A new youth director is also being sought (about 20 hours/week). Christine Sol and Daniel will be helping while we are working on finding musical support. The kids Christmas Program will be this Sunday.
- **Finance report:** We have had a good December so far (Pastor Thadd).
- **Committee reports:**
 - **Gilbert Chamber Worship Report (December 2021)**
 - On Sunday, November 21st, after the worship service, the Gilbert sanctuary was prepared for the Advent season. Two Christmas trees were put up, decorated, and paraments and banners were changed to blue. Thank you to the many volunteers who made this possible.
 - The first Sunday of Advent 2021 was on November 28. We welcomed a new member to our congregation as Olivia Grace Stermole, daughter of Erick and Michelle Stermole, was baptized. Olivia's godparents are Christopher and Angela Stone.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Vision for Gilbert Chamber:** After the congregational meeting (budget), it became even more apparent that we will need to rely more on volunteers. We need to be aware of what our congregation needs/wants. How do we best meet those needs (i.e. Committees meeting monthly? Chamber meeting quarterly? Etc.). Nancy is already reaching out to people as needs arise in the area of Worship. Rosemary also feels like she acts like a liaison to Shannon in Tempe so is already "meeting" informally so does not feel the need for more/other meetings.
 - By the February meeting, Patrick would like each person to "write up" a description of what their role is in the Chamber. Responsibilities, etc. That way when the position is handed off to the next person, they are better able to fill that role (or understand what is expected). Glen suggested we take this a step further and evaluate what we are doing to see where/how we can improve the position. List needs as they currently are and what you think they may (or should) look like

- in the future. **Send this to Patrick before the February meeting (by February 3rd).** Earlier is OK!
- We may need to have a Gilbert Congregational meeting to update those that attend the Gilbert church on specific needs to this location. It may be to ask for volunteers or to update on our facility or budgets, etc.

Closing:

Prayer Concerns: Nancy: People who are recovering from surgery, including Kathy Hughes, Deb Christensen, Edie Shipton. Thadd: Faith Hewett (kidney stones), Jennett's family for recovery from COVID. Nancy - praise - Nice to see some people returning to worship (who haven't been there since pre-pandemic). Nancy/Thadd: remember those who are struggling with depression or the loss of a loved one.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Thadd

Adjournment: Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Deb G seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37.

Devotions next month: **Deborah Gabrielson**

Distribution:

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