

Desert Cross Lutheran Church

<u>Council</u>	<u>Chamber</u>	<u>Pastor</u>
Mari Johnson	Gary Balliet (Finance/Stewardship)	Thaddeus Book
Tony Tainter	Tracey Landa (Altar Guild)	Andrea Cain
	Rosemary Schlechty (Education)	
Vicky English	Joe Weingartz (Facilities)	
Anna Sion	Dana Hargis (Hospitality)	
	Joy Petroff (Outreach)	
	Kerry Wilson (Communications)	

Gilbert Chamber Meeting - via Zoom August 12, 2025

Absent: Tracey Landa, Tony Tainter, Rosemary Schlechty

Devotions: Gary Balliet

Approval of Minutes (July):

Motion to approve meeting minutes by Dana Hargis and seconded by Joy Petroff. Motion carries.

Approval of Agenda (August):

Motion to approve agenda by Gary Balliet and seconded by Mari Johnson. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

- Parking Lot Update (Pr. Thadd Book): Reported concerns of big cracks not completely sealed and light coverage in some areas. Doug Bjotvedt working to reach contractor and follow up on concerns.

REPORTS

Finance Report (Gary Balliet):

- Sale of land to City of Tempe approved.
- Shared outcome of 8/3/2025 special congregational meeting.
- Breakdown. Sale to City of Tempe - \$245,000.
 1. 10% towards Mission and Outreach
 2. \$54,000 with 7% interest loan for AC units to be paid off
 3. Remaining funds (~\$167,000) to be placed in a Capital Expense Fund, guidelines in place to access matching funds. Capital projects <\$10,000 can apply for matching funds. Capital projects >\$10,000 must have congregational approval for matching funds.

Pastor's Report (Pr. Thadd Book):

- Planning for fall worship, including confirmation letters for 6-8th grade families.
- High School programming happening with input from Tessa Faust and Shannon Fossett; strong numbers in age group.
- Tempe campus continuing with one worship service after Labor Day with Faith Formation happening before worship.
- Working with Wendy Williams on business cards; expect to be completed soon.
- Glenn Stadler filling in at the end of August.
- Diamondbacks game on 8/22/2025; 39 people signed up.
- Stewardship discussion happening; will look different this year with focus on gathering together.
- Planning to teach a class on the Gospel of Matthew for four Wednesdays beginning on 10/29/2025.
- Working with Joni Van Rossum on changing out the technology at Gilbert campus to MAC format, moving away from PowerPoint.

Outreach Report (Joy Petroff):

- Meeting scheduled for 9/7/2025.

Hospitality Report (Dana Hargis):

- Laid out the three-phase plan to refresh the Gilbert campus. Phase 1 includes interior paint for Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, change out light fixtures and ceiling fans, stone behind cross on altar, updated

countertops/faucets in bathrooms, and various small projects within this general scope.

- Received quote to paint the exterior of entire campus at \$225,000+, around \$2.25/sq. ft. Table for future discussion.
- Planning on presenting three-phase plan to council in September.
- Discussion on funding, how this might tie into the newly established endowment.

Council Report (Mari Johnson):

- Laid out agenda for Town Hall Meeting on 8/17/25.

NEW BUSINESS

- Gary Balliet spoke of the Golf Tournament details.
 1. Currently upwards of 50 players.
 2. Raffle prizes coming in; tickets to be sold first three weeks of September.
 3. Need for 8-10 volunteers and baked goods.

CLOSING: Prayers led by Pr. Thadd Book.

Adjournment of Meeting (August):

Motion to adjourn meeting by Gary Balliet and seconded by Joe Weingartz.
Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

DISTRIBUTION

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Meeting minutes submitted by Kerry Wilson
August 21, 2025.