

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)	
Vicki English	Joe Weingartz (Facilities)	
Anna Sion	Dana Hargis (Hospitality)	
	Joy Petroff (Outreach)	
	Kerry Wilson (Communications)	

Gilbert Chamber Meeting - via Zoom April 14, 2026

Absent: Dana Hargis, Tracey Landa, Joy Petroff, Rosemary Schlechty, and Pr. Thadd Book

Devotions: Tony Tainter

Approval of Minutes (March):

Motion to approve meeting minutes, with slight revision, by Tony Tainter and seconded by Joe Weingartz. Motion carries. Revision: word change to 'General Fund giving'.

Approval of Agenda (April):

Motion to approve agenda by Kerry Wilson and seconded by Gary Balliet. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

- Church/Business Cards (Tony Tainter): Tony spoke with Wendy on 4/14/2026. Informed that cards will be finished by end of April.

REPORTS

Finance Report (Gary Balliet):

- March Expenses versus Revenue is +\$5941.
- YTD Expenses versus Revenue is +\$65,709. This includes, in part, the \$105,000 cash carry over from 2025.
- Attendance strong at both campuses. Averaged 176 ppl/week in Tempe and 132 ppl/week in Gilbert.
- General Fund giving continues to be down YTD from 2025. Tracks with 2024, currently monitoring.
- Doug Bjotvedt actively searching to rent the vacant school space in Tempe. DCLC would like to fill it at \$9000/month. Currently considering \$1000/month for an interested party, short term.
- New version of licensing software has been installed. Took 5 days to download and make functional.
- Tempe land sale still in escrow. Waiting on title company.
- Two people committed to being tellers, still looking for more.

Pastor's Report (Pr. Thadd Book):

- Reference Pr. Thadd's Report.

Hospitality Report (Dana Hargis via email):

- Still in need of help on Sunday mornings and special events. Considering a signup sheet.
- Hospitality sets out treats, utensils, juice/creamer and keeps an eye on the coffee. Also washes up coffee pot, platters, and serving utensils. The Clean Up person, assigned by Sharynn wipes down the tables and floors and empties the garbage.
- Events where Hospitality is needed include: weekly services, dinners, Bible studies, Funerals, cookie receptions, and special events like Cantata or Hymn Sing.

Property (Joe Weingartz/Tony Tainter):

- Dumpster areas cleaned out of old copier/business equipment. Doug Bjotvedt managed the removal of items.

Council Report:

- Congregational Meeting 1:00 pm on April 26, 2026 at Tempe campus.
- Golf Tournament (Gary Balliet): Reminder of date change to September 12, 2026 at Springfield Golf Resort in Chandler. Working with Vicki English to secure a QR code for payments. 7:00 am shot gun start.

- Gilbert Refresh (Dana Hargis via email): Hopeful the Council has an update on commitment cards.
- Recipes (Mari Johnson): Reminder to get recipes sent to Vicki English.
- Fundraising (Mari Johnson): No more fund raising can occur for Gilbert Refresh now that it is a capital campaign.
- Advertising/Flyers (Mari Johnson): Advertising/Flyers for church sponsored/affiliated events have to be submitted to and approved by council before distribution. Mari would like a template. Given that Gilbert Chamber only meets once a month, communication could drag on if communication is delayed and/or something needs to be changed. Tony Tainter added that a template would be helpful, since the marketing committee wants products across both campuses to be consistent.
- Announcements (Mari Johnson): Reminder that announcements need to be delivered to Wendy on Tuesday before Sunday in which announcements should appear.
- Gilbert Chamber Outreach (Mari Johnson): Beginning in May, Claudia Huss and Sue Kyle will co-lead the Outreach Committee.

CLOSING: Prayers led by Mari Johnson.

Adjournment of Meeting (April):

Motion to adjourn meeting by Gary Balliet and seconded by Tony Tainter.
Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

DISTRIBUTION

Council:

Mari Johnson
Tony Tainter
Mary Beth LaMont
Vicki English
Doug Bjotvedt

Chamber:

Gary Balliet
Dana Hargis
Tracey Landa
Joy Petroff

Rosemary Schlechty
Joe Weingartz
Kerry Wilson

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Meeting minutes submitted by Kerry Wilson
May 8, 2026