

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)	
	Rosemary Schlechty (Education)	
Vicky English	Joe Weingartz (Facilities)	
Anna Sion	Dana Hargis (Hospitality)	
	Joy Petroff (Outreach)	
	Kerry Wilson (Communications)	

Gilbert Chamber Meeting - via Zoom June 10, 2025

Absent: Tracey Landa, Rosemary Schlechty, Joy Petroff

Devotions: Mari Johnson

Approval of Minutes (May):

Motion to approve meeting minutes by Joe Weingartz, and seconded by Gary Balliet. Motion carries.

Approval of Agenda (June):

Motion to approve agenda by Joe Weingartz and seconded by Gary Balliet. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

- Parking Lot Update (Gary Balliet): Still not a completion date. Start date of 5/30/25 did not work. Delay attributed to equipment failure and family emergency on behalf of general contractor. Concern we have reached a beyond heat date. Assured the job will happen, contract signed.
- Parking Lot Party - table until after summer.

- Refresh update (Dana Hargis): Council presentation in May not able to happen. Now working with potential contractor to form a better idea of costs. Will work to gather quotes before approaching council.
- Business Cards (Pastor Thadd): Wendy Williams working on design of business cards and magnets. One specifically for Gilbert, another for Tempe. Information to include website, address, worship times, and QR code.

REPORTS

Finance (Gary Balliet):

- General Fund giving, different than General giving, up \$45,000 YTD, through May.
- Discussion on landscaping at Tempe campus and the need to meet Tempe laws. Continued discussion about sale of small parcel of land on Tempe campus that will help address the landscape financial needs.
- Air conditioner replaced at Tempe campus by Cool Dayz, a business that has been with the church for 30+ years.

Pastor's Report (Pastor Thadd):

- VBS happening now. Around 65 enrollment, equal amount of volunteers. Good energy and fun to witness.
- Synod Assembly begins this Thursday 6/12/25 in Las Vegas.
- 10:30 am, Cheryl Diegle memorial service. 6/21/25. Note time change. Set up happening the night before at 6:00 pm.
- Youth group coming from Oklahoma City. July 12-19, 2025. Pastor Thadd setting up activities for the kids. Staying at Tempe campus. Joe Weingartz offered to help group with Grace pancakes on 7/13/25. Five adults, 15 youth.
- 4th Annual Family Gathering picnic on Memorial Day in Thadd/Laura Book's neighborhood.
- Pastor's study well attended. Concluded well. Good participation - thanks to all.
- Pastor Thadd will be gone last week of June and first week of July. Supply pastor: Pastor Jacqui Pagel on 6/29/25, Glen Stadler on 7/6/25.

Council Report (Mari Johnson):

- Council needs to approve ANY type of fundraiser.
- Mari to Gary - golf tournament flyer assistance? Gary says it is ready and waiting for approval from council at next meeting.
- Gilbert photo directory. Chamber visited in past and is not a current goal. Will potentially revisit in 2026.
- Reminder that any projects in Gilbert have to be presented to council for approval. Over \$10,000, requires a congregational vote.
- Internal audit of 2023 DCLC books completed by members of the church.

NEW BUSINESS

- Summer Banners (Dana Hargis): Working with Glen Stadler to order two welcome banners for outside of church (facing northwest, facing south). Still working on what should be printed, as well as order of welcome/church time and font size. Joe talked about 1" pipe pockets already in ground and can hold banners up to 8' x 5'. Glen Stadler has secured source, money has been donated towards project.
- Congregational Survey (Mari/Pastor Thadd): Pastor explained as a result of prior goal setting, he is working on 2-3 questions to ask different groups. Want to ask in person, focus on constructive comments. Pastor still piecing together how he wants to work the survey and how to phrase the questions. Aim to conduct in fall when groups resume meeting.
- Gilbert Chamber serves iHelp on 6/24/25.
- Gary presenting 9/27/25 Golf Tournament to council in July. Focus on proceeds going to Gilbert Refresh.
- Town Hall meeting dates. Aim to have one in August. 8/17 or 8/24?
- Trunk or Treat - 10/25/25.
- DCLC Bylaws (Tony Tainter): Tony reviewed all church bylaws. Wrote a series of guidelines to help orient council members with meeting protocol and conduct. Pastor suggested send to Vicky.

CLOSING

Prayer Requests:

- Gary - friend Greg is having heart issues and neurological back issues.
- Tony - friend Bill is having rotator cuff surgery. Bill's daughter Elizabeth having ruptured disc surgery.
- Rosemary - in Tennessee with her mom. Mom in tremendous pain. Next PDP appt on 6/16.
- Dana - Ron Diegle and family in their loss. Claudia having a foot procedure. Melissa and healing of bad break. Herself having meniscus/knee pain.

Adjournment of Meeting (June):

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

DISTRIBUTION

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Meeting minutes submitted by Kerry Wilson
June 14, 2025.