

April 28, 2021

**ROSER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
April 28, 2021**

In Attendance: Glenda Beck, Jim Bennington, Beth Bernet, Peggy Buck, David & Susan Cheshire, Rev. Neil Crowell, Doug & Dianne DeLong, Andy Devries, Dan Divine, Dale & Barb Dohner, Jean Knopp, Pam Ladd, Mike & Cathy Meehan, Peggy Nash, Gretchen Petrasky, Cass Robertson, Rev. Dirk Rodgers, Darrel & Sue Shinn, John & Sharon Skladany, Lorna Smilde, Randy Swain, Dick Walter, Alan Ward, Randy Zion.

Chair of the Congregation, Glenda Beck called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Meeting was held by Zoom. **Joys & Concerns** were shared. Pastor Neil Crowell opened the meeting in prayer.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

- **MOTION by Darrel Shinn to approve the minutes from 3/24/21 as published.
2nd Andy Devries
MOTION PASSED**

ACTION ITEMS

- Reopening the Church - Glenda Beck reported recommendations from the special committee to reopen the church:
 - Music:
 - Handbell practice will resume this week.
 - Soloists & small groups will resume May 9, 2021.
 - Choir will return no earlier than June.
 - Groups may meet in Fellowship Hall, including RoserRobics, no more than 25 people with social distancing and masks.
 - Adult Sunday School and Book Study may meet.
 - Sunday Worship Service
 - Masks are still required.
 - No pre-registration on line required for attending Sunday services.
 - Come in/out any door in/out Sanctuary.
 - Sit anywhere with social distancing, ushers will no longer seat people.
 - Continue to wear masks.
 - Offering plates will be at both front and back doors.
 - Committee members included: Glenda Beck, Pastor Dirk, Pastor Neil, Cathy Meehan, Peggy Kyzer, Sherry Ehler, Carol Baker.
 - Deacons recommended to consider mask-free areas, and from Sunday Fellowship food events were requested.
 - Communication of the changes will be thru web site, email, Sunday morning signage, and verbal announcement.

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MOTION from Glenda Beck from the Committee to approve the recommendations for reopening the church as listed above.

2nd Andy DeVries

MOTION by David Cheshire to call the question. MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION AND END DISCUSSION FAILED. Further discussion ensued.

MOTION PASSED

MOTION by Andy DeVries to call the question. MOTION PASSED TO CALL THE QUESTION AND END DISCUSSION.

MOTION PASSED TO REOPEN CHURCH AS LISTED ABOVE

REPORTS PRESENTED - IN ADDITION TO THE ATTACHED April 2021 B/C REPORTS

Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. Dirk Rodgers

- Four people have submitted their applications for membership. A virtual streamlined process has been implemented.
- On-line Bible study “Who Wrote the Bible?” is starting.
- Dirk will taking some vacation time during the week, but will be preaching both Sundays.

Associate Pastor – Rev. Neil Crowell

- On-Line Bible studies are going well.
- Hoping to have a children’s study this Fall.

Nominating Committee – Darrel Shinn

- **Motion to nominate Peggy Buck as Chair of Gifts and Remembrances**
2nd Glenda Beck
MOTION PASSED
- **MOTION to nominate Nikkiah Jaworski to the Board of Religious Education.**
2nd Neil Crowell
MOTION PASSED

Trustees – Alan Ward

- Air conditioner in van needs repair. There is money in the Operating budget for this item.
- Alan feels that using the van to bring people to church from off-Island does not provide the fellowship that these members need. Arranging a ride from other members might be more appropriate for these people and help create relationships and companionship. Alan suggested a formal program to identify who might need a ride and arranging a ride with other members.
- Clean up of the canal area is finished in anticipation of developing an outdoor event area.
- Thrift Shop is progressing.
- There is parking allowed now right in front of the Food Pantry making it very difficult to exit the parking lot due to inability to see. There were previously “no Parking” signs in this area. This is a safety issue. Alan plans to attend the next Anna Maria City Council meeting to discuss the situation.
- Pew cushions should be replaced this summer.

Altar Committee - Alan Ward

- Wanted to thank Mike Oney for building doors on the cabinet in the Sanctuary.

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Deacons – John Skladany

- Deacons meet and thanked all for their help with Easter week activities.
- Discussed mask requirements.

Stephen Ministers – Lorna Smilde

- Please let them know if you know of anyone who needs a visit.

Guild – Peggy Nash, Barb Dohner

- Guild Circles met 4/6 and had a general membership meeting 4/13 and celebrated the lives of Priscilla Seawald and Marilyn and Jim Shirley. They also celebrated their members who were 90 years old. They had a program on the Anna Maria Historical Society.
- Thanks to the Trustees for all their help.
- The Guild voted to approve up to \$20,000 for renovations.
- The Guild made \$14,000 since January 2021. Thanks to all the volunteers, shoppers and those who donated. A few more yard sales will be held.
- Guild will have a Board meeting in the Thrift Shop to review the changes.

MISSIONS – Randy Swain

- March Mission of the Month Loving Hands received \$6700.
- April MOM was Hopes Children. Total donations not known yet.
- May MOM will be Global Serve.

BREd – Beth Bernet

- Made 50 treat bags for children for Easter and had to make another 30 due to the volume of children attending.
- Nursery will be open this Sunday with Lisa Lardas who just celebrated her 10 year anniversary.
- Looking forward to working on a Family Night program in September.
- Very happy to have Nikkiah joining BREd.

Membership - Sharon Skladany

- Thanks to Pastor Dirk and Nikkiah for the work they did on the membership program and helping prospective members join the church.

Stewardship – Randy Zion

- John Roser Society – Mike Meehan reported on the new program being implemented and explained how congregation members can make a bequest to Roser in their will and become members of the John Roser Society. Bequests have been an important source of funding for the on-going sustainability of Roser Church. An announcement letter and available options for how the funds might be used, designated or undesignated, were delineated. Up to 4% of undesignated funds would be available if the church needed. Funds in excess of 4% would require a vote by the congregation to approve the use of the funds.

MOTION by Randy Zion that Council adopt the John Roser Society, as outlined in the documents sent to Council; and supervised by the Stewardship Committee; and coordinated and led by the Legacy Funds Administrator.

2nd Jim Bennington

MOTION PASSED

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- Randy explained that the language of the current “Endowment Fund” in the Roser Bylaws is restrictive and does not reflect the definition of the proposed Long Term Sustainability Fund.
MOTION by Randy Zion that Bylaws Committee look changing the wording of Bylaws to “Long Term Sustainability Fund” or other appropriate language.
2nd Jim Bennington
MOTION PASSED
- **MOTION by Randy Zion to ask the Chair of the Congregation to appoint an Administrator of the Long Term Sustainability Fund. This person would be a member of the Stewardship Committee and Investment Committee. The position would be appointed with an indefinite term.**
2nd Jim Bennington
MOTION PASSED
 Matter will be remanded to Bylaws Committee to determine provisions necessary to determine language needed in the Bylaws.

Financial Reports – David Cheshire and Jim Bennington

- Investments have been doing very well this month.
 - The Long-term Sustainability account is doing very well. They hope to maintain \$350K in the long-term sustainability fund in order to self-insure the property.
 - Giving is down about \$2000 per week from last year.
 - Operating Expenses are below budget.
 - Investments –
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| | 3/31/2021 | YE 2020 |
| Endowment Investments: | \$390.9K | \$386.4K |
| Oper / Emer Reserves | <u>\$365.5K</u> (\$115.5K in cash) | <u>\$329.8K</u> |
| Total Investments | \$756.4K | \$716.2K |
- Financials Report – As of March 31, 2021 (compiled from detail reports):

Executive Summary of YTD Operating Income and Expenses

	2021	2020
Operating Income	\$136,245	\$165,193
Unrestricted Memorials	<u>\$21,100</u>	<u>\$1,702</u>
Total Income	\$157,345	\$166,895
Operating Expenses	\$168,859	\$179,020
Capital Improvements	<u>\$2,142</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$171,001</u>	<u>\$179,020</u>
Net Operating Income	-\$13,656	-\$12,125

Specials Designated

	2021	2020
Income	\$25,795	\$33,777
Expenses	<u>\$39,041</u>	\$26,491
Net Special Income	-\$13,245	\$7,236

Statement of Financial Position:

Total Liabilities and Net Assets as of March 31, 2021:

	2021	2020
	\$1,058,705.71	\$570,479.18

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OLD BUSINESS

- Food Pantry report: No report received this month but have been very busy.
- Choir loft remodel – unable to obtain a quote. Material and labor costs continue to increase greatly.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of Council is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, 2021 online at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn / Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM, ending with prayer by Rev. Dirk Rodgers.

Minutes submitted by Cass Robertson, Clerk of Council