

**ROSER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
May 26, 2021**

In Attendance: Glenda Beck, Jim Bennington, Beth Bernet, Cherrie Birkman, Peggy Buck, David & Susan Cheshire, Rev. Neil Crowell, Doug & Dianne DeLong, Andy Devries, Dan Divine, Dale & Barb Dohner, Nancian Hall, Jean Knopp, Pam Ladd, Cathy Meehan, Peggy Nash, Ron Piatt, Cass Robertson, Rev. Dirk Rodgers, Jeanette Rothberg, Darrel Shinn, John & Sharon Skladany, Lorna Smilde, Ron Vandeman, Dick Walter. Alan Ward, Randy Zion

Chair of the Congregation, Glenda Beck called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Meeting was held remotely by Zoom.

Joys & Concerns were shared. Pastor Neil Crowell opened the meeting in prayer.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

- **MOTION by Andy Devries to approve the minutes from 4/28/21 as published.**
2nd Dianne DeLong
MOTION PASSED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING 5/18/21

- **MOTION by Andy Devries to approve the minutes from the Emergency Council Meeting 5/18/21 as published.**
2nd Neil Crowell
MOTION PASSED

ACTION ITEMS

- Reopening the Church Committee - Glenda Beck reported the taskforce met and recommends the following beginning in June:
 - All Roser groups will be allowed to meet; masks optional. Non-Roser groups, such as Garden Club and Craft Sale will restart in the Fall.
 - Fellowship Sunday will start in July, with pre-packaged food
 - Staff will decide individually if they will wear masks.
 - Pam Ladd reviewed the planned procedure for Fellowship Sunday and requested they be allowed to restart Fellowship Sunday in June on Mission Sunday with pre-packaged food served.
MOTION by Alan Ward to open the church up to all Roser groups in June with food service allowed in a safe and prudent manner, including Fellowship Sunday beginning on Mission Sunday in June.
2nd Jim Bennington
 - **MOTION PASSED**
- Discussion on whether to move 8:30 service to the Chapel. A significant number of people watch on-line streaming at 8:30 am which would not be available if we move to the Chapel. Consensus was to continue both services in the Sanctuary for now.

- Randy Zion asked if hymnals could be placed back in the Sanctuary. Consensus was to return the hymnals.
- Pastor Dirk will meet with staff to determine adding other worship procedures back in such as the music, choir, offertory, Communion, etc.

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

Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. Dirk Rodgers

- 6-10 people will be welcomed as members in the next few weeks.
- Dirk will be starting a new 4 week Bible study in June exploring the book of Mark. Several options are available for attending including in-person at pastor Dirk's home, Fellowship Hall, and on-line.
- Homework for Council members: give 3 words that describe Roser now and 3 words of where we see Roser in 5-10 years.

Associate Pastor – Rev. Neil Crowell

- They just finished the book of James Zoom study. They will pick back up in August.
- People like Zoom for Bible study. Feeling is that people may not want to return to the church for in-person studies.
- Thanks to Matt for all his help with trouble shooting the projectors and changing the air filters.

Trustees – Alan Ward

- Roser received approval from City of Anna Maria to proceed with the Thrift Shop project. Work is now progressing well.
- Trustees received contents of a home donated to Roser. The Guild and Trustees plan to hold another garage sale in June to liquidate these items and more.

Altar Committee - Alan Ward

- Alan met with the Altar Committee regarding the fabric selection for the pew cushions in the Chapel. He brought in information and swatches from various vendors and we now have requested larger samples of a few possible selections.
- The Altar Committee also discussed ways to tidy up the Chapel including adding a new entry mat, a new sign in/prayer book and a new wooden trash can to replace the plastic one.
- Gail recently cleaned the Chapel making note of trim that needed to be painted. Alan Ward suggested making a task list: dirty white vents in the Chapel ceiling need to be replaced with dark brown or black vents to blend in with the wood ceiling; the a/c vents on the front wall need cleaning; the American flag and Christian flag need replacing or properly cleaned; the back of the piano needs a new custom curtain.
- Also noted was the Chapel carpet which was recently cleaned already shows wear. A recommendation was made to perhaps remove the carpet in the back revealing the original wood floor beneath. This would help with the wear and musty smell. The carpet would remain down the aisle and everywhere else.
- The Altar Committee also discussed the original design of the Chapel and ways to make the entry more welcoming. At some date maybe removing the current entry tile to reveal original flooring beneath.

MOTION by Alan Ward to remove the carpet at the back of the Chapel to reveal the wood floors.

2nd Darrel Shinn

MOTION PASSED

Deacons – John Skladany

- Deacons met this week. Anne Morse has resigned from Deacons due to health reasons.
- Discussed Communion and will continue the current procedure.
- Discussed moving to the Chapel for the 8:30 service. They questioned who should make the decision. Deacons prefer to keep the service in the Sanctuary to allow for streaming. They counted 35 people streaming at 8:30.

Stephen Ministers – Lorna Smilde

- They did not meet in May. A June meeting is planned and also during the summer as needed.
- Please let them know of anyone who needs a visit.

Guild – Cherrie Birkman

- They received one new application for scholarship. They were hoping for three.
- They will need support and volunteers for help at the garage sale on June 12th. It is a big effort.

Library – Dianne DeLong

- The Little Library will be erected and stocked soon. Sherry Oehler will restock when the DeLongs are gone for the summer.

BREd – Beth Bernet

- Started Sunday School. They had 5 children in attendance. They need teachers. The curriculum is already planned.

Stewardship – Randy Zion

- Legacy Giving Administrator – A motion was made by Exec Committee for Council to review and approve the documents for the Long Term Sustainability Fund as distributed..

MOTION by Randy Zion to develop the language in the Bylaws to rename the “Endowment Fund” to “Long Term Sustainability Fund” and add an appointed Roser position of Legacy Giving Administrator.

2nd Jim Bennington

MOTION PASSED

MUSIC – Jeanette Rothberg

- Met 5/10/21. Thanks to Dianne DeLong who has joined the Music Committee.
- Craig, Brandon & Jeanette will be gone 2 Sundays in June. Nancy Sibecker will play piano and organ during those Sunday services.

Financial Reports – David Cheshire and Jim Bennington

- Long term sustainability fund is important. Use of undesignated bequest money will be determined by the Board of Finance unless amounts are in excess of \$5000 in which case, they will be brought before Council for approval of where the money should go.
- Continue to lag in operating income (\$15K below forecast) but they expect this situation to improve as the year goes on.

- Investments have been up and down. Roser still looks good financially. We are thankful.

• <u>Investments</u>	4/30/2021	YE 2020
Endowment Investments:	\$407.0K	\$386.4K
Oper / Emer Reserves	<u>\$375.8K</u> (\$115.5K in cash)	<u>\$329.8K</u>
Total Investments	\$782.8K	\$716.2K

- Financials Report – As of April 30, 2021 (compiled from detail reports):

<u>Executive Summary of YTD Operating Income and Expenses</u>		
	2021	2020
Operating Income	\$176,778	\$219,370
Unrestricted Memorials	<u>\$21,100</u>	<u>\$2,122</u>
Total Income	\$197,878	\$221,492
Operating Expenses	\$223,623	\$225,399
Capital Improvements	<u>\$2,142</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$225,764</u>	<u>\$225,399</u>
Net Operating Income	-\$27,886	-\$3,907

<u>Specials (Designated)</u>	2021	2020
Income	\$48,164	\$73,866
Expenses	<u>\$60,684</u>	\$54,640
Net Special Income	-\$12,520	\$19,226

Statement of Financial Position:

Total Liabilities and Net Assets as of April 30, 2021:

	2021	2020
	\$1,066,229.98	\$713,165.34

OLD BUSINESS

- Food Pantry report: 51 bags of groceries were distributed in April. The Sponsored Food Recipient Program is growing and gave out \$9200 in Publix cards in April. The Blessing Box is being used frequently. Lynn assumed responsibility for the Food Pantry on May 1, 2021 and is scheduling volunteers. Jack will assist her.
- Choir loft remodel – The project is on hold. They have been unable to obtain a quote - there is no interest from the builders as they are so busy. Material and labor costs continue to increase greatly making the affordability of the project in question.

NEW BUSINESS

- Should we provide publicity for Roser Weddings? Roser previously decided not to be in the destination wedding business due to amount of work involved and wear and tear on the facilities. Weddings are performed as requested, but the use of Roser Church availability is not advertised.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of Council is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2021 online at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn / Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM, ending with prayer by Rev. Dirk Rodgers.

Minutes submitted by Cass Robertson, Clerk of Council