

**ROSER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
June 23, 2021**

In Attendance: Glenda Beck, Jim Bennington, Cherrie Birkman, David Cheshire, Rev. Neil Crowell, Andy Devries, Dale & Barb Dohner, Gary Hickerson, Jean Knopp, Cathy Meehan, Linda Moore, Peggy Nash, Gretchen Petrasky, Cass Robertson, Rev. Dirk Rodgers, Jeanette Rothberg, Darrel & Sue Shinn, John & Sharon Skladany, Randy & Gail Swain, Dick Walter. Alan Ward, Randy Zion

Chair of the Congregation, Glenda Beck called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 5/26/21 as published.**

2nd Gretchen Petrasky

MOTION PASSED

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

Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. Dirk Rodgers

- Liz is in New Hampshire. Pastor will be joining her in July while he is on vacation 6/29-7-12/21.
- 10 new members will be welcomed to Roser this Sunday.
- Monday Bible study exploring Mark is going well at all three venues.
- Roser Messaging Exercise – Dirk reported the results of the exercise that was sent to Council. Roser is a vibrant and dynamic church.
- He recommended next steps Messaging Exercise.
 - Review our current messaging to provide the dynamic and multi-generational appeal desired by most participants in this survey.
 - Begin a strategic planning process to determine how to meet the vision described by most of the participants in this survey.
 - Authorize Pastor Dirk to appoint an advisory team to explore messaging and create one cohesive message – brand, web site, social media, You Tube, print, signage, etc, to create an overall messaging strategy to point towards the desired goals. Please let know Dirk know if you would like to be part of the advisory team or want to recommend someone to participate.
 - Invite other members of the congregations what their ideas are regarding concerns Roser programs, and recommendations.
 - In lieu of an all-church retreat, schedule pastoral small group meetings and on-line chat sessions so that all who want may participate. Then put together an annual ministry plan for 2022 that would embody all of the above.

Associate Pastor – Rev. Neil Crowell

- Neil preaching July 4-11th while Pastor Dirk on vacation.
- Bible study will meet 2nd week of July.

Trustees – Alan Ward

- Alan leaving July 4th for the summer. Volunteers are available to cover for Trustees
- Thrift Shop remodel progressing.

Altar Committee - Alan Ward

- Working on the pew cushion proposal for the Chapel.

Deacons – John Skladany

- Will meet in person in September.

Guild – Cherrie Birkman

- June garage sale went well. No further sales planned. Thanks to Alan Ward and volunteers.
- Awaiting opening of the Thrift Shop.

Library – Alan Ward

- Little Library is up and running in front of the Chapel. Thanks to Mike Oney for installing it.

Missions – Randy Swain

- May Mission of the Month – Global Service Network received \$3,968.
- June current MOM is Mercy Ships.
- July MOM will be Agape Flights.

BREd – Glenda Beck

- 4th of July parade will be July 3rd. Beth Bernet coordinating and driving the van with the theme God Bless America. Volunteers are lined up.

Membership – Sharon Skladany

- Happy to be welcoming 10 new members this Sunday.

Stewardship – Randy Zion

- Creating a separate handbook for Stewardship Committee since splitting from Board of Finance.
- Working on updating the Bylaws with all the recent changes.
- Preparing quarterly statement to congregation. Volunteers are welcome to help with this task

MUSIC – Jeanette Rothberg

- Did not meet in June.
- Craig is working on 2022 concerts. January will be Ditchfield Family Singers.
- Nancy Sibecker, organist is filling in for Brandon and Craig during their vacations.

Financial Reports – David Cheshire and Jim Bennington

- Income was up and expenses down for May. YTD income still slightly down but total revenue was up and expenses were down, so overall financial status looks good.
- Investments are holding their own.

<u>Investments</u>	5/31/2021	YE 2020
Endowment Investments:	\$411.7K	\$386.4K
Oper / Emer Reserves	<u>\$378.9K</u> (\$115.5K in cash)	<u>\$329.8K</u>
Total Investments	\$790.6K	\$716.2K

- Financials Report – As of May 31, 2021 (compiled from detail reports):

Executive Summary of YTD Operating Income and Expenses

	2021	2020
Operating Income	\$224,015	\$260,086
Unrestricted Memorials	<u>\$101,277</u>	<u>\$80,562</u>
Total Income	\$325,293	\$340,648
Operating Expenses	\$272,009	\$275,696
Capital Improvements	<u>\$2,142</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$274,150</u>	<u>\$275,696</u>
Net Operating Income	\$51,143	\$64,953

<u>Specials (Designated)</u>	2021	2020
Income	\$53,105	\$86,350
Expenses	<u>\$78,348</u>	\$62,053
Net Special Income	-\$25,243	\$24,297

Statement of Financial Position:

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

	2021	2020
	\$1,137,952.21	\$820,607.39

OLD BUSINESS

- Food Pantry report:
 - 51 bags of groceries were distributed in May which is down from previous years, likely due to other food programs sponsored by Manatee County. Volunteers have returned and they are planning to allow recipients to come into the pantry and pick their own food items.
 - The Sponsored Food Recipient Program is growing and gave out \$9150 in Publix cards in May. The Blessing Box use is growing. They would like to sponsor boxes in Holmes Beach and Bradenton Beach, but need a sponsor to coordinate the project. Roser Food Pantry will supply the box.
- Choir loft remodel – The projects still on hold as they have been unable to obtain a quote from builders.

NEW BUSINESS

- Camera proposals –
 - David Cheshire gave an overview of the mid-year budget and planned projects for the rest of the year. There are some funds that will be available slated for SoulJourn which will not be used this year.
 - Jim Bennington reviewed the equipment and expense estimated for the proposed AV projects as sent to Council.
 - Project 1 - \$1000-\$1300 for a TV for streaming and Zoom meetings for use in multiple locations
 - Project #2 – 3rd Sanctuary camera, \$6195
 - Project #3 – Equipment for streaming from the Chapel \$13,000.

MOTION from Board of Finance made by David Cheshire to approve allocation of up to \$21,000 from the Souljourn account to cover the costs of the three projects as presented.

MOTION PASSED

- Bayfest October 16, 2021 10am-9pm. Roser will participate during the earlier part of the day.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of Council is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, 2021 online at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn / Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM, ending with prayer by Rev. Neil Crowell. Minutes submitted by Cass Robertson, Clerk of Council