

**ROSER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
October 27, 2021**

In Attendance: Glenda Beck, Jim Bennington, Beth Bernet, Cherrie Birkman, David Cheshire, Dave Haddox, Doug & Dianne DeLong, Dan Divine, Dale & Barb Dohner, Nancian Hall, Jean Knopp, Cathy Meehan, Peggy Nash, Gretchen Petraske, Cass Robertson, Rev. Dirk Rodgers, Jeanette Rothberg, John & Sharon Skladany, Lorna Smilde & Dale Powers, Dick Walter, Alan Ward, Sharon Wisniewski, Randy Zion.

Chair of the Congregation, Glenda Beck called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Meeting was held remotely by Zoom.

Joys & Concerns were shared. Pastor Dirk Rodgers opened the meeting in prayer.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

- **MOTION by Peggy Nash to approve the minutes from 9/22/21 as published with the correction of Guild Minutes - date of Thrift Shop opening should be Nov. 11, 2021.**
2nd Cathy Meehan
MOTION PASSED

ACTION ITEMS

- Roser has received a request from Netflix to film an episode of Unsolved Mysteries using Roser Church November 11 or 12, 2021. They will not be filming at the church, but using the educational building for personnel and equipment. They will pay for use of the church - \$500 for building use and parking. Roser Exec Committee recommended approval to allow filming.
MOTION by Glenda Beck to allow the film crew to use Roser Church Fellowship Hall and Dirk's office for crew lunch and equipment holding.
2nd Jim Bennington
MOTION PASSED
- Proposed change to Bylaws - Randy Zion reviewed the Bylaws amendment document as sent to Council. This is the 1st reading of Amendment 4 to the Bylaws to be brought before Council which includes the 6 items related to the Sustainability Fund. Council will vote on the amendment at the next Council meeting.

REPORTS PRESENTED - IN ADDITION TO THE PUBLISHED October 2021 B/C REPORTS

Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. Dirk Rodgers

- Dirk referred to his written report which was sent to Council members in the Joint Summary File.
- 2022 Ministry Objectives have been approved by Exec Committee. Pastor Dirk has met with Board of Finance to develop a budget to implement. He asked for approval of ministry objectives for Roser Church.
MOTION by Jeanette Rothberg to approve the ministry objectives for 2022
2nd Gretchen Petraske
MOTION PASSED

- Rebranding and defining a messaging strategy. Pastor Dirk shared drafts of signage and the web site design.
 - Messaging brand: “We worship at a beautiful place”.
 - Theme: Roser Church “... a beautiful place to explore your faith...”
 - Web Site home page: “On the Water in Anna Maria, Florida”. “Focus: Loving Christ, Sharing His Grace, Serving All”. Sunday Worship info on line and in person. Menu is on the top.
 - Mobile view for phone or tablet
 - Dan Divine reminded group that Roser signage is grandfathered in; he made some suggestions for signage materials.
- Community Engagement Coordinator position draft, as sent to Council, was reviewed by Pastor Dirk. This position would be a replacement for the Associate Pastor position. This person may or may not be ordained. Primary responsibilities would be about reaching out to the community and inviting new people in. He/she will participate in Sunday worship and be able to fill in for Pastor Dirk as needed. Pastor Dirk has had discussions with Deacons and Stephen Ministers to ensure that Roser’s caring ministry would be continued.

MOTION by Alan Ward to approve the position as published and move forward with beginning the search for the position of the Community Engagement Coordinator.

2nd Jim Bennington

MOTION PASSED

Nominating - Barb Dohner

- Met three times in September and October.
- They have contacted most of the incumbent board members and committee chairs whose terms will be up in January. Many are staying in their positions for another term. They are reaching out to new church members to get them involved and help fill the remaining positions.
- Many thanks to the current chairs, and board members for their service and willingness to continue for another term.
- Thanks to the Nominating Committee – Barb Dohner and Darrel Shinn as Co-Chairs, Joyce Karp and Marsha McAllister for their time and effort.

Trustees – Alan Ward

- H-VAC system in Sanctuary and Chapel – continue to examine options - repair vs. replacement.
- Update on termites in the Chapel – Roser has an on-going contract with a pest management company who plans to spot treat now and re-tent the property next summer because everything connected to the chapel must also be tented, including Fellowship Hall and the offices.
- Alan reported that there was an article in the Sun newspaper on “Reimagining Pine Avenue” stating that Anna Maria City plans to eliminate parking spaces on Pine Ave (22 of 52 of these spaces are in front of Roser). The City has voiced a plan to “negotiate to allow Roser to continue to use parking on the Tarpon St. extension” which is a dedicated road right-of-way and Roser’s legal access to the property. This was previously discussed at City Council in January 2021 and a letter was sent to the mayor stating that Roser plans to continue the current legal parking rules and did not desire to lease public parking to the City as we do not want to limit use of our property. Alan and David Cheshire attended the latest “Reimagine Pine Avenue” meeting earlier this week and resubmitted the letter previously sent to the City in February 2021 and made a statement to reaffirm Roser’s position that Roser has nothing to trade and does not desire to lease to the City.

- There is an urgent need for Trustees and others to develop a comprehensive parking policy which they are currently working on and will bring a formal proposal back to Exec /Council.

Altar Committee – Cass Robertson for Claire Quillin

- New flags have arrived and have been installed in the Chapel.
- Pew cushions have been ordered for the Chapel.
- Maintenance notes were taken which included the activity in the Chapel.

Deacons – John Skladany

- Met week in-person and Zoom and discussed pastoral care and outreach.

Stephen Ministers – Jeanette Rothberg

- Grief-Share is in full swing.
- They are beginning to plan for a class for new Stephen Ministers.
- November 1st will be a program on aging.

Library – Doug DeLong

- Little Library is seeing active use, particularly children's books.
- They would welcome donations of children's books

Missions – Peggy Nash

- Salvation Army Angel Tree has been delivered and will be in the Narthex.
- Mission of the Month
 - September MOM - Bring on the Ministry – received \$4606.17.
 - October MOM - Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch attended on October 10, 2021.
 - November will be Wycliff Bible Translators
- MissionFest 2022 will be in February for external missions.
- Holiday Giving - a one-time donation for children will be sent to the following missions:
 - Sherriff's Youth Ranch
 - Hope Children's Home
 - Solve Maternity
 - Agape Flights
- A one-time gift will be sent to a North Carolina church which was destroyed by fire.

Membership – Sharon Skladany

- Friends of the Island Library have asked if they can put a drop box in the narthex for book donations and put a note in the bulletin for their upcoming book sale. Consensus was Yes.
- Membership annually sends out letters to people who have not been attending or giving. The list is extensive this year. Consensus was to not send letters out this year.

MUSIC – Jeanette Rothberg

- Youth choir was discussed. It will not be reinstated this school year because of the controversy on COVID restrictions. When we do start it up again, Craig would like to give an in person presentation of the music program at AMI elementary school.
- The Music Committee was brought up to date on the pew/handbell situation. The pews will not be removed at this point as it is cumbersome and storage is a problem. David Cheshire pointed out that there is more room on the level of the communion table than on the floor. He assured us that the table could be moved for bell performances and it was agreed that ringers would give it a try. Also, the cantata orchestra can be placed in that area.

- Christmas Cantata will be presented on 12/19/21 at both services.

Guild – Cherrie Birkman

- Guild has not met but leadership team has been meeting and reviewing plans for Thrift Shop.
- Garage Sale will be October 9, 2021
- Guild will meet November 9th followed by blessing and ribbon cutting ceremony at the Thrift Shop.
- Plan to open Thrift Shop regular hours on October 11, 2021.
- Cherrie thanked Trustees and all the volunteers who have helped with the project.

Financial Reports – David Cheshire and Jim Bennington

- Budget meetings have begun. BOF has met with all the Boards and Committees. Preliminary budget will be done once the numbers are in for the end of October.
- September numbers are not as bad as expected. Expenses are down and contributions look good, although looking at costs of replacing AC units in the near future.
- Budgeted deficit is lower than anticipated.
- Investments fluctuate and were lower at the end of September, but investments have increased in October. Roser is still in good shape. Thanks to Mike Meehan and the Investment Committee.

<u>Investments</u>	9/30/2021	YE 2020
Endowment Investments:	\$398.2K	\$386.4K
Oper / Emer Reserves	<u>\$368.8K</u> (\$116.0K in cash)	<u>\$329.8K</u>
Total Investments	\$767.0K	\$716.2K

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

Executive Summary of YTD Operating Income and Expenses

	2021	2020
Operating Income	\$379,046	\$382,628
Unrestricted Memorials	<u>\$102,900</u>	<u>\$146,982</u>
Total Income	\$481,946	\$529,610
Operating Expenses	\$474,165	\$429,940
Capital Improvements	<u>\$12,856</u>	<u>\$8,586</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$487,021</u>	<u>\$438,527</u>
Net Operating Income	-\$5,076	\$91,083
<u>Specials (Designated) --</u>		
Income	\$115,798	\$113,406
Expenses	<u>\$166,175</u>	<u>\$86,924</u>
Specials balance	-\$50,377	\$26,482

Statement of Financial Position:

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

	2021	2020
	\$1,040,092.02	\$925,780.89

OLD BUSINESS

- Food Pantry – no report.
- AV Equipment - Jim Bennington reported new camera is in use in the Sanctuary and is working well. The camera and equipment should be installed in the chapel by the end of the month.
- Staff evaluations are needed as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jonathan & Robin have some international students who need a place to go for Thanksgiving Day. Please let Pastor Dirk know if you can help.
- Question was raised as to when Council might meet in person again. It was noted that many people are not in town and others prefer not to drive at night. We will likely continue on Zoom until at least March 2022 and perhaps do hybrid meetings in the future.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of Roser Council is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2021 online at 7:00 PM. **NOTE: this is one week early due to the Thanksgiving holiday.**

Adjourn / Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM, ending with prayer by Pastor Dirk Rodgers.

Minutes submitted by Cass Robertson, Clerk of Council