

**ROSER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
February 23, 2022**

In Attendance: Glenda Beck, Jim Bennington, Beth Bernet, Cherrie Birkman, David Cheshire, Doug & Dianne DeLong, Andy Devries, Dale & Barb Dohner, Gary Hickerson, Mary Horton, Rick Maddox, Cathy Meehan, Peggy Nash, Gretchen Petraske, Ron Piatt, Donna Pope, Cass Robertson, Rev. Dr. Dirk Rodgers, Jeanette Rothberg, Darrel Shinn, John & Sharon Skladany, Ron Vandeman, Dick Walter, Alan Ward, Randy Zion.

Cathy Meehan, introduced herself as the new Chair of the Congregation and called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Meeting was held remotely by Zoom.

Joys & Concerns were shared. Rev. Dr. Dirk Rodgers opened the meeting with prayer.

Chair of the Congregation: Cathy Meehan

- Boards and Committees should submit a monthly written report (with motions, if appropriate) to Council each month. Send report to Cass Robertson, Clerk of Council. The purpose is to provide information to the governing body of the church (Council) so that when decisions come before Council to be made, discussed, and voted on, Council can make informed decisions.
- Please put Cathy on the distribution list for board and committee monthly meeting minutes.
- Action Items and associated motions will be discussed when the relevant Board/Committee gives their verbal report.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION by Jim Bennington to accept the minutes from 1/26/22 as published.

2nd Peggy Nash

MOTION PASSED

REPORTS PRESENTED - IN ADDITION TO THE PUBLISHED February 2022 B/C REPORTS

Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. Dirk Rodgers

- Pastor Dirk referred to his written report which was sent to Council members included in the Joint Summary File.
- Lent activities: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday with Communion, and Good Friday services will be held in the Chapel at noon and will be streamed.
- Easter services
 - 8:30 am service will be held indoors in the Sanctuary at and will be streamed.
 - 10:00 am service will be held outside, followed by the children's Easter Egg Hunt. The 10:00 service will move into the Sanctuary in the event of inclement weather
- Jonathan Bachman will preach while Dirk is away in March.

Nominating – Barb Dohner & Darrel Shinn

- Congregation approved 2022 slate of officers at the Annual Meeting in February. There are still open positions that remain unfilled on the Board of Deacons.

- Cass Robertson, Clerk of Council has already served 4 years. According to the bylaws, Executive Officers may only serve four consecutive years. Cass has agreed to continue to serve as Clerk.
MOTION by Barb Dohner to allow Cass Robertson to serve as Clerk Pro-tem for a term lasting no longer than the 2023 Annual Meeting.
2nd Dianne DeLong
MOTION PASSED
- The Chair of the Altar Committee has resigned. Donna Pope has agreed to serve as Chair. There is currently no Co-Chair.
- Barb asked that when elected officers resign, they formally notify Nominations Committee.

Trustees – Alan Ward

- Clearing brush on the SE side of the Thrift Shop parking lot. They will remove stumps so that they may proceed with fencing.
- Alan, David Cheshire and Dan Divine met with Anna Maria City Council today to discuss an amendment the city made to their parking ordinance which is not in line with Roser plans.
- Charles is working to repair the landscape lighting.
- Please let Alan or the church office know if something that requires attention is needed.
- Tourists parking in our lots is an on-going problem which interferes with parking for church meetings and those we lease spaces to. Trustees continue to work on a long-term solution.

BREd – Beth Bernet

- Will meet March 13, 2022.
- Welcome to Mary Horton, new BREd member.
- Working on VBS plans for June 6-10, 2022. Volunteers are needed for the event as well as activities that can be done ahead of time and don't require presence during that week.
- Sunday school meets as needed.
- Planning Easter events for children

Deacons – John Skladany

- Meet next week.
- Planning Easter season events and activities.
- Thanks to Mary Horton who has agreed to be an usher.

Missions – Peggy Nash

- MissionFest 2022 was February 13, 2022 – 19 external missions participated and were pleased.
- Hope Seeds has been meeting at Roser twice monthly and volunteers have helped.

MUSIC – Jeanette Rothberg

- Back screen view – they would like to go back to seeing what everyone else sees as they are missing out on what the congregation sees, such as videos.
- Next concert March 20th. Two 2022 concerts lost money. The goal of the concert series is not to make money but to provide community outreach. However, they would like to break even. There is money in the Music Specials account to cover the losses this year and cost will be a greater consideration in 2023.

Altar - Donna Pope

- Decorated for Chirstmas and took down decorations afterwards.
- Working on updating the Chapel, Narthex and Thrift Shop exterior building.
- Gail Travis would like to add paintings for the Thrift Shop building and add an awning over the doors and windows.
- Chapel – replaced the American and the Christian flags; new cushions are on order; and replaced the card table in the foyer with an antique table.
- Nikkiah is taking care of the Altar Flowers and the Easter Flowers.

Stephen Ministers (SM) – Pastor Dirk Rodgers

- Training for new Stephen Ministers is going well.
- Agreement document for Stephen Ministers is being reviewed for implementation.

Membership – Sharon Skladany

- Two new members who are part of Council were welcomed: Donna Pope and Mary Horton.
- Alan Ward mentioned that his neighbors attend Roser regularly but have not been asked to join the church. Sharon suggested that if members of the congregation know such people, to please let Sharon or Nikkiah know so there can be a follow-up.

Guild – Cherrie Birkman

- Nancian is doing better after her surgery.
- Guild Thrift Shop had a record month. They made over \$10,000 in January.
- Migrant Sewers are meeting and are working at record pace.
- CropWalk will take place this year.
- Fashion Show is limited to 75 people and all tickets are sold.
- Neil’s photo book along with Peggy’s orange cookies have been mailed to him. A copy may be viewed in the church office and will eventually be in the library as it is a Roser historical record.

Library - Dianne DeLong

- Little Free library is the most popular part of the library.
- They will be attending the Island Library sale to seek more children’s books.

Financial Reports - David Cheshire, Jim Bennington and Gary Hickerson

- Gary Hickerson reported that income was slightly less than budgeted, contributions were down but expenses were below budget by \$20K so there was a net income of \$8314 vs budgeted loss.
- Total assets were down by 3.4%. There are no financial liabilities.
- Jim Bennington reported that the market has fallen since the end of 2021 and investments are down but there is good diversity in investments and Roser remains in good overall financial position.
- Jim reported that Roser is grateful for an “angel” member who has committed to give a \$10,000 donation for three years as seed money for the building projects, as well as has given a donation that has funded the deficit between 2021 and 2022, and additionally has donated a substantial amount to missions.
- Roser still needs an auditor.

• <u>Investments</u>	1/31/2022	YE 2021
Long-Term Sustaining	\$419.7K	\$450.4K
Oper / Emer Reserves	<u>\$345.6K</u> (\$134.2K cash)	<u>\$361.1K</u>
Total Investments	\$765.3K	\$811.5K

- Financials Report – As of January 31, 2022 (compiled from detail reports):

Executive Summary of YTD Operating Income and Expenses

	1/2022	1/2021
Operating Income	\$55,056	\$60,292
Unrestricted Memorials	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$1,075</u>
Total Income	\$55,156	\$61,367
Operating Expenses	\$46,842	\$46,045
Capital Improvements	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,268</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$46,842</u>	<u>\$47,313</u>
Net Operating Income	\$8,314	\$14,054
<u>Specials (Designated)</u>		
Income	\$14,200	\$18,420
Expenses	<u>\$12,807</u>	<u>\$9,787</u>
Net Specials Income	\$1,393	\$8,633

Statement of Financial Position – No financial liabilities

Total Net Assets as of January 31, 2022

	2022	2021
	\$1,028,255.91	\$1,098,332.22

OLD BUSINESS

- Roser Food Pantry – no report received.
- Search for Community Engagement Coordinator – Still seeking applications. There are a few potential candidates. Please refer any potential candidate's name to Pastor Dirk for follow-up.

NEW BUSINESS

- Please let Nikkiah know when your monthly meetings are scheduled so she can put them on the calendar.
- Cell phones going off during Sunday service can be disruptive, especially during prayer.
- Usher counting device clicks and is disruptive. A new counter has been ordered.
- Reading the text on the screen is difficult from the back of the room, especially hymn lyrics.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of Roser Council is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2022 online at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn / Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM, Pastor Dirk ended the meeting with prayer.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Jim Bennington

2nd Jeanette Rothberg

MOTION PASSED

Minutes submitted by Cass Robertson, Clerk of Council