

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

In Attendance: Glenda Beck, Jim Bennington, Beth Bernet, Cherrie Birkman, David Cheshire, Doug & Dianne DeLong, Andy Devries, Dale & Barb Dohner, Dave Haddox, Jean Knopp, Cathy Meehan, Linda Moore, Peggy Nash, Gretchen Petraske, Donna Pope, Cass Robertson, Rev. Dr. Dirk Rodgers, Jeanette Rothberg, Darrel & Sue Shinn, John & Sharon Skladany, Lorna Smilde-Powers, Ron Vandeman, Dick Walter, Alan Ward, Randy Zion.

Cathy Meehan, Chair of the Congregation, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Meeting was held remotely by Zoom.

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

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION by Andy DeVries to accept the minutes from 2/23/22 as published.

2nd Dianne DeLong

MOTION PASSED

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

Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. Dirk Rodgers

- Lent activities: Ash Wednesday 3/2/22 – Chapel was full. Maundy Thursday with Communion 4/14/22 and Good Friday 4/15/22 services will be held in the Chapel at noon and will be streamed.
- Easter services
 - Pastor Dirk will give the benediction at the Kiwanis Sunrise Service on the beach.
 - 8:30 am service will be held indoors in the Sanctuary and will be streamed.
 - 10:00 am service will be held outside, include a children's sermon, and be followed by the children's Easter Egg Hunt. The 10:00 service will move into the Sanctuary in the event of inclement weather
- Member access to view protected documents has been added to the web site is available upon request. Contact the office for a password.
- The 8 week meditation series finished today and went well.
- New Stephen Minister training is going well and continues through 5/4/22.
- Community Engagement Coordinator applications have been received and they are scheduling interviews.
- Compiling estimates for replacing outdoor signage with the new Roser logo; working with Trustees for implementation.
- Two child baptisms are scheduled for May and July during the Sunday service.
- Jonathan Bachman will preach while Dirk is away in March.

Nominating – Darrel Shinn

Motion made by Darrel Shinn to nominate Mike Oney for a position on BREd.

2nd Glenda Beck

MOTION PASSED

Trustees – Alan Ward

- Submitting request to the City for fence permit with the City of Anna Maria.
- Painted south side building to match the north side property.
- Continue to work on parking plan with David Cheshire, Dan Divine, Jay Calhoun, Dick Walter and Cathy Meehan.
- Alan and Dan Divine met with Anna Maria City to continue discussion on Pine Avenue and parking issues.

BREd – Beth Bernet

- Welcome to Mike Oney, new BREd member. Mike has also volunteered to lead Adult Sunday School which will restart soon.
- Welcome to Mary Horton.
- Elections were held – Beth & Glenda are Co-Chairs, Nikkiah is Secretary.
- Planning Easter Egg Hunt on Easter.
- Working on VBS plans for June 6-10, 2022. They have primary leader positions filled. Volunteers are still needed for the event as well as activities that can be done ahead of time and don't require presence during that week. Contact Beth or Glenda if you would like to help.

Deacons – Lorna Smilde-Powers

- Meet next week.
- Planning for Easter week activities.
- Working on implementing a new plan for duties, including hospital visitation. Please let the office or Lorna know of any people in the hospital the Deacons might visit.
- Planning Easter season events and activities.
- Still need three deacons.
- Discussion of offering plates. A question was raised if it would be good to start passing the offering plates in the pews again. Pastor Dirk noted that passing the plates can be disruptive to the worship service and takes time out of the service. Consensus was to continue current system of having offering plates at the doors which seems to be working well. It was suggested to remind people that there are envelopes in the pews that they can put their money in during the service so it can simply be dropped in the plates on their way out.
- It was suggested to collect written prayer request cards from the pews in place of asking for verbal prayer requests during prayer time. There was discussion as to how this would fit into the service or if they would be collected and added to the weekly prayer list. Cathy asked that further discussion take place by the parties and make recommendations next month.

Missions – Peggy Nash

- MissionFest 2022 was February 13, 2022 - Committee voted to give \$200 to each mission that came and participated in the event.
- February MOM Hope Seeds received \$3975
- March MOM is Loving Hands
- Solve Maternity – A book mark was distributed to the congregation and bins are in the narthex to collect items needed by the moms and babies.
- Salvation Army is sponsoring a new seniors program called Youth at Heart. The schedule of events is posted on the Roser web site. Volunteers are welcome.

MUSIC – Jeanette Rothberg

- Correction to report under concert series: The amount cleared for Brandon Kouri’s concert was listed as \$220. This was actually the number of attendees. They actually cleared \$107, taking in a total of \$1681.
- Discussed the concert series for 2023.

Altar - Donna Pope

- New flags in the Chapel – replaced the American and the Christian flags; new cushions are on order for the Chapel. They replaced the card table in the foyer with an antique table.
- Woodwork in the Chapel narthex will be painted and a chair was purchased to make the area more inviting. They are also placing historic photos with descriptions there.
- Easter lilies are \$10 this year due to price increase, ordered by April 10th.

Stephen Ministers (SM) – Lorna Smilde-Powers

- Training for new Stephen Ministers is going well. Planning a social event to welcome them and get acquainted with the other Stephen Ministers.
- Working with Joy to have a presentation about dementia and Alzheimer’s disease.
- Continue to meet with Care Receivers.
- Hope to be able to visit people personally now that Covid restrictions are easing.

Membership – Sharon Skladany

- Two prospective members are planning to join.
- Recent new members will be announced this Sunday.

Guild – Cherrie Birkman

- Next Guild meeting is April 12, 2022 at noon. It is the 25th year anniversary for the Thrift Shop. They will be honoring Margaret Art. All are invited to this special event.

Library - Dianne DeLong

- Little Free library is busy! They are running low on books for adults and for children.

Stewardship Randh Zion

- Brochure for the Legacy Gifts program should be ready soon and will be included with the quarterly statements sent out.

Financial Reports - David Cheshire, Jim Bennington

- Financial Secretary – Vice Chair Dave Haddox reported things are going well and they continue to work on procedures.
- David reported income was up and expenses were down so projected deficit for February was much less than expected and Roser is in the black for this year for the first 2 months.
- Jim reported investments are doing better this month, although still down from YE 2022

<u>Investments</u>	2/28/2022	YE 2021
Long-Term Sustaining:	\$426.1K	\$450.4K
Oper / Emer Reserves	<u>\$349.0K</u> (\$134.3K cash)	<u>\$361.1K</u>
Total Investments	\$775.1K	\$811.5K

- Financials Report – As of February 28, 2022 (compiled from detail reports):

Executive Summary of YTD Operating Income and Expenses

	2022	2021
Operating Income	\$110,772	\$98,142
Unrestricted Memorials	<u>\$125</u>	<u>\$1,075</u>
Total Income	\$110,897	\$99,217
Operating Expenses	\$108,343	\$109,106
Capital Improvements	\$0	<u>\$1,268</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$108,343</u>	<u>\$110,373</u>
Net Operating Income	\$2,554	\$-11,156
<u>Specials (Designated)</u>		
Income	\$43,312	\$23,482
Expenses	<u>\$29,973</u>	<u>\$19,081</u>
Specials balance	\$13,339	\$4,400

Statement of Financial Position: No Financial liabilities

Total Liabilities and Net Assets as of February 28, 2022:

	2022	2021
	\$1,044,231.73	\$1,071,485.74

Roser Food Pantry – Cathy Meehan

- Report given at A.I.D: Distributed 72 bags of groceries and gave or mailed \$3950 in Publix gift cards to sponsored recipients. The Blessing Boxes are used and refilled on a weekly basis.
- AID and Food Pantry are separate independent entities.
 - There are no formal organizational ties between them.
 - The Food Pantry is supported by all Island churches – they bring food to the Food Pantry, but Roser manages all aspects of the ministry.
- Balance at the end of February was \$39,500.

OLD BUSINESS

- Search for Community Engagement Coordinator – See above in Pastor Dirk’s report.

NEW BUSINESS

- Glenda found two cases of Roser Mugs.
MOTION by Cherrie Birkman to sell the extra mugs at the pancake breakfast and earmark the money for the building projects.
2nd David Cheshire
MOTION PASSED

Announcement – Cathy Meehan

Cathy announced she will have a medical procedure but plans to be present at the next Council meeting in April.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of Roser Council is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2022 online at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn / Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM, Pastor Dirk ended the meeting with prayer.

Minutes submitted by Cass Robertson, Clerk of Council