

**ROSER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
May 25, 2022**

In Attendance: Glenda Beck, Jim Bennington, Beth Bernet, Cherrie Birkman, David Cheshire, Susan Cheshire, Andy Devries, Dan Divine, Dale & Barb Dohner, Nancian Hall, Mary Horton, Jean Knopp, Bill Marini, Cathy Meehan, Linda Moore, Peggy Nash, Mike and Vanessa Oney, Gretchen Petraske, Donna Pope, Cass Robertson, Rev. Dr. Dirk Rodgers, Darrel & Sue Shinn, John & Sharon Skladany, Randy and Gail Swain, Ron Vandeman, Dick Walter, Alan Ward, Randy Zion.

CALL TO ORDER: 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 John Skladany to accept the minutes from 4/27/22 as published.

2nd Dale Dohner

MOTION PASSED

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

Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. Dirk Rodgers

- Things seem to be moving in the right direction:
 - Baptisms and weddings have been scheduled or completed.
 - Six new members have joined in the past few months.
 - Building committee is making progress.
 - Search committee interviews are progressing.
- The communication from various board and committee members can be confusing to the staff and make it difficult for them to set priorities. Pastor Dirk and the staff ask that requests for help from staff to do things come from the chair/designee of the board or committee. They can then check with Dirk for what the priority should be. They appreciate the collaboration.

Trustees – Alan Ward

- Chapel pew cushions have been installed.
- Mike Oney redid the wooden seawall safety railing.
- Stairs leading to attic space above fellowship hall were painted.
- Recommendations for parking as sent to Exec and to Council:
 - David reviewed the parking background information and the Roser Master Parking Plan, Roser priorities, and City of Anna Maria Pine Street plans. About 131 spaces are utilized for Sunday services parking during the high season.
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- There was a lengthy discussion on special considerations:
 - People ask at the Thrift Shop if they can park there while they do other activities. What should they be told?
 - A permit has been approved for a fence to be installed on 3 sides of the Thrift Shop lot which should help with parking and security
 - Space will be needed for the outdoor stage area and construction supplies.
 - Consideration to allow paid public parking during times the space is not needed for church activities.
 - Chair Cathy Meehan will need Council approval to sign the parking agreements.
 - Selby Gardens, a non-profit organization, was assessed a small percentage of its property value due to commercial uses of its buildings and the associated parking.
 - Current parking agreement signage with businesses have been grandfathered in by the City of Anna Maria and changes may open Roser to increased scrutiny
 - Roser may be responsible for sales tax for paid parking fees received.
 - **Motion by Jim Bennington to authorize Cathy Meehan, Chair of the Congregation, in consultation with other B/C's to seek legal counsel to represent the broader legal needs of Roser, including parking.** The intention is to develop a relationship with general legal counsel as Roser's legal needs become more complex. Council was asked to direct legal questions that need to be resolved to Cathy Meehan, David Cheshire, and Alan Ward.
2nd Mike Oney
MOTION PASSED
 - **MOTION by Jim Bennington to authorize the existing parking team of Cathy Meehan, David Cheshire, and Alan Ward to move forward to negotiate existing parking contracts as soon as possible and bring back to Council for approval.**
2nd Randy Zion
MOTION PASSED

BREd – Beth Bernet

- VBS begins in June – they still need crew leaders.

Membership – Sharon Skladany

- Welcoming new members.
- Moved some member files from active to inactive.
- Fig Newtons given to visitors are missing. Please contact Sharon if you took these as they are counted for inventory.

Guild – Cherrie Birkman

- Grateful Jean Knopp is back home and recuperating.
- Margaret Art will not be returning to the Thrift Shop after her recent injury.
- Need volunteers at Thrift Shop on donation days and at the annex. Please contact Cherrie Birkman or Peggy Nash.

Library – Cathy Meehan for Sherry Oehler

- The Little Free Library near the Chapel entrance appears to be a welcome place for our community to find books and other media at no charge. During the winter season, we have been filling it every week. Donations of items for all ages are accepted. We stamp each item with the Little Free Library stamp before they are stocked.

- Thank you to the Thrift Shop and several anonymous donors who have left things in the white donation basket in the library.

Stewardship Randy Zion

- Estate planning seminar last week had 25 people attend.

Financial Reports - David Cheshire, Jim Bennington

- Chair of BOF, David reported operating income, specials income, and expenses are on budget. Worship contributions are \$10K below budgeted. Pastor Dirk made the congregation aware during the Sunday service that Roser is behind in contributions.
- Jim reported investments were stable this week but remain \$100K below 2021 YE.
- Vanguard account signers must be recertified.

MOTION by Jim Bennington to authorize Jim Bennington (Treasurer), David Cheshire (Chair of Board of Finance) and Gary Hickerson (Assistant Treasurer) as the signers on all Roser Vanguard Investment Accounts effective 5/25/2022

2nd Darrel Shinn

MOTION PASSED

• <u>Investments</u>	4/30/2022	YE 2021
Long-Term Sustaining:	\$403.8K	\$450.4K
Oper / Emer Reserves	<u>\$338.0K</u> (\$134.6K cash)	<u>\$361.1K</u>
Total Investments	\$741.8K	\$811.5K

- Financials Report – As of April 30, 2022 (compiled from detail reports):
Executive Summary of YTD Operating Income and Expenses

	4/30/2022	2021
Operating Income	\$151,669	\$136,318
Unrestricted Memorials	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$21,100</u>
Total Income	\$151,669	\$157,418
Operating Expenses	\$153,064	\$168,859
Capital Improvements	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,329</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$153,064</u>	<u>\$170,188</u>
Net Operating Income	-\$1,395	-\$12,770
<u>Specials (Designated)</u>	2022	2021
Income	\$54,956	\$37,817
Expenses	<u>\$50,210</u>	<u>\$43,381</u>
Specials balance	\$4,746	-\$5,564

Statement of Financial Position:

Total Liabilities and Net Assets as of April 30, 2022:

	2022	2021
	\$971,101.14	\$1,066,255.88

Roser Food Pantry – Cathy Meehan

- April: Distributed 82 bags of groceries and gave or mailed about \$4000 in Publix gift cards to sponsored recipients. Blessing Boxes are functioning well
- Giving Challenge: In past years, Roser Food Pantry did not qualify for the Giving Challenge due to our church charitable status. If there is a volunteer who would like to investigate the matter further to see there are changes in the rules, please let Cathy Meehan know.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- Dick Walter gave thanks to Mike Oney for installing a window in the Fellowship Hall lounge which was necessary for VBS children to legally be in separate rooms.
- Tarpon St. property - Randy Zion reported that Roser has received notice of a new quit claim for the parcel. The property was recently reincorporated and was sold for \$100. The Roser title has been “clouded” by this action. The final judgement that Roser received from the previous court action in 2019, which deeded the parcel to Roser, states, “The matter has been forever quieted.” Our Barnes Walker attorney is representing Roser in the matter and has responded to the “owner” to immediately withdraw the quit claim as there is strong evidence it is a fraudulent attempt to cloud the Roser legally held title of the parcel and that further court action will be taken if immediate response is not taken.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of Roser Council is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, 2022 online at 7:00 PM. Council plans to meet over the summer.

Adjourn / Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM, Pastor Dirk ended the meeting with prayer. Minutes submitted by Cass Robertson, Clerk of Council