

**ROSER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
August 24, 2022**

In Attendance: Jim Bennington, Beth Bernet, David Cheshire, Doug DeLong, Dan Divine, Dale & Barb Dohner, Jean Knopp, Cathy Meehan, Linda Moore, Peggy Nash, Donna Pope, Cass Robertson, Rev. Dr. Dirk Rodgers, Jeanette Rothberg, Darrel & Sue Shinn, John & Sharon Skladany, Lorna Smilde-Powers, Randy Swain, Dick Walter, Alan Ward,

**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**

There were no corrections to the minutes.

**MOTION by John Skladany to accept the minutes from 7/20/22 as published.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Doug DeLong**

**MOTION PASSED**

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

**Pastor – Rev. Dirk Rodgers**

- Building project team continues to make progress working on the vision for building projects.

**Trustees – Alan Ward**

- Working to obtain engineered drawings for outdoor stage project and cost estimates.
- Alan reported on pro-life activities in Alaska and asked if Roser Church might stand up for life publicly. Matter was deferred for discussion at a different time.

**BREd – Beth Bernet**

- Beginning to plan for Fall events to get them on the calendar.
- Lisa Lardas' father passed away and she is in Pennsylvania.

**Deacons – Lorna Smilde-Powers**

- Will meet in September.
- Regular duties are being performed as assigned.

**Missions – Peggy Nash**

- Will meet again in September. Have stayed in touch by email.

**Music – Jeanette Rothberg**

- Choir resumes September 8, 2022

**Altar – Donna Pope**

- Received several compliments on the new pew cushions in the Chapel

**Stephen Ministers – Lorna Smilde-Powers**

- Will meet in September.
- Continue to care for care receivers.

**Membership – Sharon Skladany**

- Received one new member this month, Ken Kelly, who will be baptized in September.

**Guild – Barb Dohner**

- Thrift Shop closed for August for cleaning. They will reopen September 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Guild will host Women United the first Friday in October.

**Financial Reports - David Cheshire, Jim Bennington**

- David reported Roser contributions are still significantly under budgeted for July. Income from parking leases has helped to mitigate the loss.
- Investments – Jim reported investments remain very volatile and substantially down for the year. Roser remains in good financial position.
- Pastor Dirk reported the number of givers has increased, but the amount per giver is down and net income is down. Pastor Dirk feels the giving will come as needed.

• <u>Investments</u>	7/31/2022	YE 2021
Long-Term Sustaining:	\$382.3K	\$450.4K
Oper / Emer Reserves	\$327.7K (\$135.1K cash)	\$361.1K
Total Investments	\$710.0K	\$811.5K

- Financials Report – As of July 13, 2022 (compiled from detail reports):

Executive Summary of YTD Operating Income and Expenses

	7/31/2022	2021
Operating Income	\$307,302	\$303,480
Unrestricted Memorials	<u>\$86,281</u>	<u>\$102,575</u>
Total Income	\$393,583	\$406,055
Operating Expenses	\$371,173	\$373,468
Capital Improvements	<u>\$22,400</u>	<u>\$5,800</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$393,573</u>	<u>\$379,267</u>
Net Operating Income	\$10	\$26,787
<u>Specials (Designated)</u>	2022	2021
Income	\$79,211	\$78,363
Expenses	<u>\$90,964</u>	<u>\$142,269</u>
Specials balance	<b>-\$11,753</b>	<b>-\$63,906</b>

Statement of Financial Position:

Total Liabilities and Net Assets as of July 31, 2022:

	2022	2021
	\$953,551.02	\$1,100,123.12

**Roser Food Pantry – Cathy Meehan**

- July: Distributed 62 bags of groceries (down from 92 in June) and distributed \$4312 in Publix gift cards to sponsored recipients.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- David Cheshire gave an update on obtaining legal counsel representation as sent to Council members: An agreement has been signed with an attorney from Blalock-Walters law firm to represent Roser Church regarding tax issues related to parking. Filing may be best done through a

CPA if there are unpaid taxes owed. Further legal counsel with tax expertise is suggested to determine what and how to file taxes for income related to parking.

**MOTION by David Cheshire to retain Mike Walter to represent Roser to review the need to file for unpaid taxes related to parking.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Bennington**

**MOTION PASSED**

- Unrelated business income tax - David Cheshire explained that this is a federal tax exempt issue and that Roser is a tax-exempt organization, but we have businesses who park on our property, which is not related to Roser's purpose. There are questions if we actually would owe any taxes. David Cheshire will follow up with counsel.
- General Legal Representation - David Cheshire reviewed the conflict of interest with retaining Blalock Walters law firm. David reviewed Roser's needs for general legal representation for assistance with contracts and interactions with the City of Anna Maria as sent to Council members. Recommendations were discussed.

**MOTION by David Cheshire to retain Bob Hendrickson of Green, Hamrick law firm to represent Roser to provide legal representation for business contracts and dealings with the city of Anna Maria.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Ward**

**MOTION PASSED**

- Cathy asked that Roser members not speak for Roser with Anna Maria City officials unless it is as an officially authorized Roser representative to convey an official Roser position. Additionally, do not discuss Roser tax issues with outside entities until our tax status has been confirmed by legal counsel.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- First reading was done on bylaws amendment as related to Community Engagement Coordinator position requirements to allow an ordained minister to apply for the position. The amendment was sent to Counsel. 2nd reading and vote on the amendment will be done at a special Council meeting August 31, 2022 at 7:00 PM in order for the Search Committee to proceed with the new job posting.
- Announcement by Cathy Meehan that she will be out of town for the next 4 weeks but will be available by phone / email.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting of Roser Council is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2022 online at 7:00 PM.

**Adjourn / Prayer:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM, Pastor Dirk ended the meeting with prayer.

Minutes submitted by Cass Robertson, Clerk of Council