

**ROSER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
October 26, 2022**

In Attendance: Glenda Beck, Jim Bennington, Beth Bernet, Cherrie Birkman, David Cheshire, Doug & Dianne DeLong, Dan Divine, Dale & Barb Dohner, Dave Haddox, Gary Hickerson, Mary Horton, Jean Knopp, Bill Marini, Cathy Meehan, Peggy Nash, Lorna Smilde-Powers, Cass Robertson, Rev. Dr. Dirk Rodgers, Jeanette Rothberg, Darrel Shinn, John & Sharon Skladany, Randy & Gail Swain, Dick Walter, Alan Ward, Randy Zion.

CALL TO ORDER: Cathy Meehan, Chair of the Congregation, 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.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes.

MOTION by Randy Swain to accept the minutes from 8/24/22 as published.

2nd Jeanette Rothberg

MOTION PASSED

MOTION by Gretchen Petraske to accept the minutes from the Special Council Meeting on 8/31/22 as published.

2nd Dianne DeLong

MOTION PASSED

NOTE: There was no September Council Meeting due to Hurricane Ian & thus no September minutes.

REPORTS PRESENTED - IN addition to the published October 2022 B/C Reports submitted.

Pastor – Rev. Dirk Rodgers

- Thanksgiving Service is planned for 11:00 am in the Chapel, with dinner to be served following the service. Pam Ladd is coordinating. Turkeys are needed.
- Christmas and New Year's Day are on Sunday this year. One service is planned at 10 am in the Sanctuary for both holidays.
- Christmas Eve Services: 4 pm outside, 6:30 pm Handbell Concert in the Sanctuary, 7 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary.
- Met with Deacons and approved re-instituting passing of the plate beginning the first week of December to be combined with a musical element. Exception: Cantata Sunday.
- A question was raised if consideration has been given to re-instituting the congregational greeting. This would add more time to the service. Pastor Dirk will discuss at the next Deacons meeting.

Nominating Committee - Barb Dohner

- Board and Committee chairs and members will be called by the committee to see if they will volunteer for another term. Currently, several B/C's are short of members.

Trustees – Alan Ward

- New AC was installed and they will return to recheck.
- Trustees will begin monthly meetings again in November.

BREd – Beth Bernet

- Much coming up the next few months and welcome participation from the congregation for the upcoming events.
- Trunk or Treat on Monday.
- Advent activities - see Joint Summary File.

Deacons – John Skladany

- (Lorna was on the call but her audio not functioning.)
- Met in October.
- Passing the baskets was discussed.
- Christmas service plans were discussed.
- Thanksgiving Service plans were discussed.
- Discussed passing the basket during holiday services such as Christmas and Easter.

Missions – Randy Swain

- Met in October.
- Donating \$400 to Agape Flights for Thanksgiving dinners for missionaries to feed five families.
- Donating \$400 to Solve Maternity for hurricane repairs which was matched.
- Angel Tree with 50 names will be in the Narthex this year.
- Collection bins for Bring on the Ministry will be in the Narthex to collect small gift items to support several hundred elderly.
- Abby is leaving Agape Flights as she is expecting a baby.

Music – Jeanette Rothberg

- Met this month.
- Cantata rehearsals are on-going with one child singing with the group.
- Working on budget and evaluations.

Altar – Alan Ward

- Suggested that the committee could use more members.
- Pastor Dirk, Gail, and others are looking at redoing the Narthex to make it more inviting and plans are being developed.

Guild – Cherrie Birkman

- Thrift Shop sales are doing well. The Thrift Shop will be tented tomorrow.
- Guild season begins in November, with the Board meeting tomorrow.
 - Nov 2 Combined Circle meeting.
 - Nov 15 – Powerpoint on “We Are The Guild”
- Supporting seven scholars with \$1500 college scholarship this year.

Library – Dianne DeLong

- Sherry Oehler managed the Little Library for the summer.
- Books are available for use from the Thrift Shop

Stewardship – Randy Zion

- Stewardship is trailing previous year significantly. They have sent a letter and email blast to the congregation and plan a Stewardship Moment during a Sunday service coming up to make the congregation aware of the need.

Financial Reports - David Cheshire, Gary Hickerson, Jim Bennington

- David reported Roser contributions continue to be significantly under budgeted.
- David reminded members that if RMD is not taken in 2022, taxes on it increase to 50%. Can use qualified charitable distribution to designate the money directly to the church, which is not taxable.
- Beginning 2023 budget process. They are anticipating increased staff costs, decreased Dr. French legacy gift this year. They are looking at trimming the budget back this year.
- Gary reported September revenues were significantly under budgeted with a net loss of \$33K vs budgeted loss of \$22K for YTD loss of \$59K (budgeted \$70K loss). Concern is that the loss could be substantially more by the end of the year.
- Total financial assets continued to decline this year (-21.4% from LYE).
- Operating cash also decline to 1.2 months of expenses.
- They anticipate a difficult year for the budgeting process.
- Investments – Jim reported investments are substantially down for the year. Roser still has adequate reserves to cover the losses for this year.

• <u>Investments</u>	9/30/2022	YE 2021
Long-Term Sustaining:	\$340.1K	\$450.4K
Oper / Emer Reserves	<u>\$306.9K</u> (\$135.5K cash)	<u>\$361.1K</u>
Total Investments	\$647.0K	\$811.5K

- Financials Report – As of September 30, 2022 (compiled from detail reports):

Executive Summary of YTD Operating Income and Expenses

	9/30/2022	2021
Operating Income	\$359,904	\$379,046
Unrestricted Memorials	<u>\$86,281</u>	<u>\$102,900</u>
Total Income	\$446,105	\$481,946
Operating Expenses	\$471,175	\$472,583
Capital Improvements	<u>\$34,125</u>	<u>\$17,334</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$505,300</u>	<u>\$489,917</u>
Net Operating Income	-\$59,115	-\$7,971
<u>Specials (Designated)</u>	2022	2021
Income	\$86,764	\$115,798
Expenses	<u>\$112,409</u>	<u>\$166,175</u>
Specials balance	-\$25,644	-\$50,377

Statement of Financial Position:

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

	2022	2021
	\$822,040.85	\$1,040,092.08

Roser Food Pantry – Cathy Meehan

- July: Distributed 47 bags of groceries and distributed \$4513 in Publix gift cards to sponsored recipients.
- Cathy spoke with Jack about the decreasing funds. There is a plan already in place to replenish the funds.

OLD BUSINESS

- Cathy asked that evaluations be returned by November 14th. Send summary to Cathy.
- Outside stage: Jim Bennington reported on the progress of the project. Engineering drawings are needed to submit to City for approval. A lengthy discussion ensued.

MOTION From Exec Committee by Jim Bennington to approve payment to manufacturer of 1/3 deposit (about \$9000) on the stage project and begin the permitting process with the City, which will place Roser in the queue for the manufacturing process.

2nd Darrel Shinn

MOTION PASSED

- Jim Bennington reported on the choir loft project. The architect has completed drawings and graphics of the project and is contacting contractors for quotes, with anticipated project start of summer 2024. Once an estimate has been received, a capital fundraising campaign will begin.
- Unrelated business income tax - David Cheshire reported Roser is filing for a sales tax number.
- Amended lease agreements are still being worked on.

NEW BUSINESS

- Founders Day – move to January 8, 2023 due to crowded schedule, which would dilute the value of Founder's Day where the history of Roser is celebrated and we can honor members who have gone above the call, and honor members who have passed away the previous year.

MOTION by Cathy Meehan to move Founders Day from 2022 to January 8, 2023

2nd Darrel Shinn

MOTION PASSED

- November & December Council meeting date changes due to upcoming holidays.

MOTION by Cathy Meehan to move November Council to November 16th, & move December 2022 Finance & Exec & Council meetings to the 12th & 13th & 14th.

2nd Glenda Beck

MOTION PASSED

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of Roser Council is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16th, 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