

**ROSER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
November 16, 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, Cathy Meehan, Peggy Nash, Gretchen Petraske, Donna Pope, Cass Robertson, Rev. Dr. Dirk Rodgers, Jeanette Rothberg, Darrel Shinn, John & Sharon Skladany, Ron Vandeman, Dick Walter, Alan Ward, Sharon Wisniewski, 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. Pastor Dr. Dirk Rodgers opened the meeting with prayer.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES from 10/26/22

There were no corrections to the minutes.

MOTION by Jeanette Rothberg to accept the minutes from 10/26/22 as published.

2nd Dianne DeLong

MOTION PASSED

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

Pastor – Pastor Dr. Dirk Rodgers

- See Pastor's report as sent to Council members in the Joint Summary File.
- There are currently no active candidates being considered for the Community Engagement Coordinator. The Search Committee is discussing next steps.

Nominating Committee - Darrel Shinn

- Current elected officers and members will be contacted by the Nominating Committee to ask them to volunteer for another term. Currently, several B/C's are short of members.

Trustees – Alan Ward

- New AC was installed in the Sanctuary.
- Fence on south lot has been repaired that was damaged by Hurricane Ian.
- Trustees are meeting regularly.

BREd – Beth Bernet

- Met this past Sunday.
- Delivered about 100 Shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.
- Movie Night with two short films will be December 3, 2022, open to the public with snacks served.
- Christmas Parade December 10th at 10 am. To ride along, contact Beth or Glenda.
- Bethlehem Walk December 11th at 6 pm. Permits and animals have been procured.
- Working with Pastor Dirk to plan the 4 pm Christmas Eve Family Service.

Deacons – Sharon Wisniewski

- Met October 24th.
- Discussed December holiday services and Advent Wreath candle lighting and readers.
- Will begin passing the offering plates for service collection December 4th.
- Discussed Christmas poinsettias.
- Will meet December 20th.

Missions – Peggy Nash

- See Mission's report as sent to Council members in the Joint Summary File
- Will meet this week.
- Determining Mission of the Month schedule for 2023.

Music – Jeanette Rothberg

- Met this month.
- Reviewed participation in BayFest, and decided will not participate in the future due to low attendance.
- Cantata rehearsals are on-going with three children singing with the group.
- Concert 2023 series is in place with contracts signed.

Altar – Donna Pope

- See Altar report as sent to Council members in the Joint Summary File.
- Planter pots for the front of the Narthex will be placed and planted with palms.
- Are considering artificial flowers for the altar since regular flowers have been discontinued.
- Will be decorating the church for Advent and need volunteers to help.

Membership – Sharon Skladany

- Trying to determine how best to follow up with members who have not been at church recently. Have not sent letters out to absent members since the pandemic began. Don't know who the people are who watch on line or how many people watch. To obtain additional information, Roser would need to go with an alternate streaming service which would require a host to be present.

Guild – Cherrie Birkman

- See Guild report as sent to Council members in the Joint Summary File.

Library – Dianne DeLong

- Little Free Library doing a lot of business and they need more books. Cherrie noted the Thrift Shop has many books available and invited Dianne to stop by to choose what they need.

Stewardship – Randy Zion

- They sent a letter to the congregation last month which received a good response, and are closing in on last year's numbers. They will do a Stewardship Moment at the Sunday service November 27th to make the congregation aware of financial needs.

Financial Reports - David Cheshire, Gary Hickerson, Jim Bennington

- David reported Roser contributions have picked up but are still lagging last year, noting the large capital expenditure for the new AC and recent tenting for termites.
- Making progress on the 2023 budget and will present the proposed budget to Council in December.
- Gary reported October income was over budgeted; expenses were also high. Actual YTD budget deficit is \$92,613, but this is less than the budgeted deficit (\$103,322).
- Total financial assets continue to decline this year (-18.5% from LYE).

- There are no financial liabilities and operating cash is currently able to cover to 1.2 months of expenses.

- Investments – Jim reported investments improved in November.

• <u>Investments</u>	10/31/2022	YE 2021
Long-Term Sustaining:	\$367.6K	\$450.4K
Oper / Emer Reserves	<u>\$321.0K</u> (\$135.8K cash)	<u>\$361.1K</u>
Total Investments	\$688.6K	\$811.5K

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

Executive Summary of YTD Operating Income and Expenses

	10/31/2022	2021
Operating Income	\$404,876	\$408,384
Unrestricted Memorials	<u>\$86,306</u>	<u>\$102,950</u>
Total Income	\$491,183	\$511,333
Operating Expenses	\$534,059	\$527,264
Capital Improvements	<u>\$49,737</u>	<u>\$35,918</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$583,796</u>	<u>\$563,182</u>
Net Operating Income	-\$92,613	-\$53,849
<u>Specials (Designated)</u>	2022	2021
Income	\$93,336	\$122,057
Expenses	<u>\$131,455</u>	<u>\$194,382</u>
Specials balance	-\$38,119	-\$72,325

Statement of Financial Position:

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

	2022	2021
	\$814,652.26	\$1,000,113.21

Roser Food Pantry – Cathy Meehan

- October: Distributed 42 bags of groceries (down from 90+ over the summer) and distributed \$4459 in Publix gift cards which has been a consistent amount to sponsored recipients.
- Matt went down to food distribution center for “Feed the Hungry” program in Sarasota and picked up cases of food for the Food Pantry.
- Food Pantry will be publicizing the need for more funds to Roser and the community to help with Food Pantry Island needs.

OLD BUSINESS

- Dan Divine noted that Roser does not have insurance to rebuild the church in case of catastrophic loss, such as from a hurricane. Jim Bennington noted that Roser has never been able to afford insurance to cover such a loss. Dan suggested public parking opportunities could provide income in case of a need to rebuild. There are many issues to consider. Trustees continue to work on a comprehensive plan and will make recommendations to Council in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

- Reminder that Annual Reports from Boards and Committee Chairs are due in January.
- December Council will meet December 14th due to upcoming Christmas holiday. **NOTE: the date is early this month due to the Christmas holiday.**

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of Roser Council is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th, 2022 online at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn / Prayer: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM, Pastor Dirk ended the meeting with prayer.

Minutes submitted by Cass Robertson, Clerk of Council