

Roser Council Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2023

Present: Glenda Beck, Jim Bennington, Beth Bernet, David Cheshire, Susan Cheshire, Dan Divine, Barbara and Dale Dohner, Jean Knopp, Diane and Doug DeLong, Nancian Hall, Gary Hickerson, Cathy Meehan, Gretchen Petraske, Donna Pope, Rev. Dirk Rodgers, Darrel Shinn, John and Sharon Skladany, Dick Walter, Alan Ward, Sharon Wisniewski, Randy Zion

Chair of the Congregation Cathy Meehan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

The Minutes of the January 25, 2023 meeting were approved as written.

Reports:

Pastor – Rev. Dirk Rodgers

About 40 people attended today's Ash Wednesday service in the Chapel and 12-15 watched online. Four new congregational members will be received this week.

Nominating – Barbara Dohner

Thanks to the volunteers serving this year. Deacons still have a few spots to fill, so let Barbara know of anyone who might be interested. Sherry Oehler has resigned as Parliamentarian, so Nominating is looking for a replacement.

Trustees – Alan Ward

The price of the planned outside stage has increased due to higher costs and the addition of steps and railings, so the project is estimated to cost closer to \$50K than to the original \$40K.

Alan has been in touch with the City and the addition of steps, a handrail, and railings on 3 sides of the stage shouldn't be a problem. The stage company is updating the plans to incorporate these additions and the plans will be sent to Alan when completed. At that point the major projects committee will review them and then they can go to the City for approval. Due to the time it has taken to get the plans done, we will be renting a stage for the outside Easter Service at 10:00 am.

The portico has been painted and much work has been done in the Rose Garden. Loose stucco has been repaired and painted, and new pots, plantings, and lights have been added. The stucco repair also included the outside wall along Pine Ave.

BREd – Glenda Beck and Beth Bernet

BREd received a Trolley Grant for \$1482.83. VBS will be held from June 5 to June 9. An Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday.

Deacons – Sharon Wisniewski

Deacons has two new members. The Deacons have been preparing to do hospital visits. They have been getting a lot of positive feedback on the contemporary music at the 8:30 am service.

Missions – Cathy Meehan for Vanessa and Mike Oney

Thank you to all for a successful Mission Fest.

Music – Susan Cheshire

About 350 people attended last Sunday's Concert.

Altar – Donna Pope

Nothing to add to the report sent out before the meeting.

Stephen Ministry – Rev. Dirk Rodgers

Dick and Betty Gilmore are ready to be commissioned as Stephen Ministers.

Food Bank – Cathy Meehan

In January, the Food Bank distributed 59 bags of groceries up slightly from January, and purchased \$3900 of Publix cards, also a bit of an increase from January.

Membership – Sharon Skladany

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Guild – Barbara Dohner

The Valentine Tea was held in February and was a big success. The Fashion Show will be on March 14 and will feature fashions from the Thrift Shop. The migrant sewing group has made 144 quilts so far. The women of St. Bernard's Church have invited all the church women on the island to a lunch on April 13. Contact Peggy Nash for information on Church Women United.

Library – Doug and Diane DeLong

The library has received a new box of books for the Free Library. There is an abundance of books, so please come into the Library and see what's there.

Stewardship – Randy Zion

Nothing to add to the report sent out before the meeting.

Finance – Gary Hickerson

The income/expense comparison for January was negatively impacted by a later than expected lease payment and the payment in January for all three of the planned winter concerts. So, taking those items into account, we would have shown positive income vs. expense for January. Our Financial Assets rose by 4.8% from December to January and we have 1.68 months' worth of cash on hand to cover expenses.

Jim Bennington reported that investments are up \$15K from January 1. The outside review of Roser's finances will be in on March 15.

Detailed Financial Reports were sent out to Council members prior to this meeting.

Old Business

After limited discussion on when to observe Founder's Day, Glenda Beck made the following **motion:**

Move Founder's Day from November to the first Sunday in January.

The motion passed.

New Business

Alan Ward asked for the name of someone to sew and repair the unraveling edges of the outside flags. Frieda Jaworski was suggested.

The next meeting of the Roser Council will be on March 22, 2023 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Rev. Dirk Rodgers closed with meeting with prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Cathy Meehan, substituting for Cass Robertson, Clerk