

**ROSER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
April 26, 2023**

In Attendance: Glenda Beck, Jim Bennington, Beth Bernet, Cherrie Birkman, David Cheshire, Andy Devries, Dan Divine, Dale & Barb Dohner, Nancian Hall, Gary Hickerson, Cathy Meehan, Linda Moore, Peggy Nash, Sherry Oehler, Gretchen Petraske, Donna Pope, Cass Robertson, Rev. Dr. Dirk Rodgers, Darrel Shinn, John & Sharon Skladany, Lorna Smilde-Powers, 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 04/26/23

There were no corrections to the minutes.

MOTION by John Skladany to accept the minutes from 4/26/23 as published.

2nd Jim Bennington

MOTION PASSED

REPORTS PRESENTED - IN addition to the published April 2023 B/C Reports submitted.

Pastor – Pastor Dr. Dirk Rodgers

- Thanks to all Roser volunteers for a wonderful Easter season and help with two celebrations of life.

Nominating Committee - Barb Dohner

- Liz Hagar will immediately replace Sherry Oehler as parliamentarian. Thanks to Sherry for her many years of service in this position.

MOTION by Barb Dohner to accept the nomination of Liz Hagar as Roser parliamentarian.

2nd David Cheshire

MOTION PASSED

Trustees – Alan Ward

- Roser is in the queue for the engineers to build the pergola.

Deacons – Sharon Wisniewski

- Met this week. Last meeting before summer will be in May.
- 8:30 service will move back into the Chapel the first Sunday in June.

Guild – Cherrie Birkman

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

BREd - Beth Bernet

- Excited about VBS. Need crew leaders for VBS

Music - Sherry Oehler

- Musical play by youth May 12th, 2023. Eight children are rehearsing and are excited.
- Re-evaluating the concert series. Will likely move it to a week-day.
- Cantata choir performed pieces of the cantata at Casa Mora and Freedom Village and then enjoyed social time at Jeanette Rothberg's home.
- Grand piano in sanctuary and piano in Chapel require special tuning and maintenance procedures which will be covered by Music Special Funds. They will review the value of these procedures (\$2000) for the piano in Fellowship Hall.
- Getting a quote to tune and repair and refurbish the handbells.
- Craig and Brandon will be attending continuing ed in June.
- A note was made that the cover for the grand piano needs replacing. Sherry will follow up with music committee.

Stephen Ministers – Pastor Dirk Rodgers

- Dick and Betty Gilmore will be commissioned on Mother's Day.

Membership – Sharon Skladany

- New member welcomed. There are several more new members pending.

Stewardship – Randy Zion

- Sound on Cantata was wonderful, best ever.
- Stewardship – looking at identifying volunteer opportunities and how to communicate these to members and allow for sign-up on the web site.

Financial Reports - David Cheshire, Gary Hickerson, Jim Bennington

- Gary reported March 2023 income and expenses were over budget but loss was less than anticipated, 8.3% less than YTD 2022. Operating cash increased to \$90K.
- Roser received a check for \$1,518 for participating in the Easter Sunrise Service. Pastor Dirk gave the sermon.
- David Cheshire reported that Covid stimulus funds are available for application that were not covered by the original Federal Protection Plan. Roser should qualify for these funds. David will follow up.
- Jim reported that weekly giving is holding strong. Investments are doing well and we are gaining back losses suffered last year.
- Financial review was very positive. Reviewer was very impressed by Matt's work and highly praised him.

• <u>Investments</u>	03/31/2023	YE 2022
Long-Term Sustaining:	\$396.8K	\$376.4K
Oper / Emer Reserves	<u>\$342.3K</u> (\$134K cash)	<u>\$326.7K</u>
Total Investments	\$739.1K	\$703.1K

- Financials Report – As of (compiled from detail reports):

Executive Summary of YTD Operating Income and Expenses

	03/30/2023	2022
Operating Income	\$161,861	\$151,519
Undesignated Memorials	\$15,911	\$150
Total Income	\$177,772	\$151,669
Operating Expenses	\$196,591	\$153,083
Capital Improvements	<u>\$2,400</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$198,991</u>	<u>\$153,083</u>
Net Operating Income	-\$21,219	-\$1,414
<u>Specials (Designated)</u>		
	2023	2022
Income	\$69,826	\$54,956
Expenses	\$46,150	\$50,210
<u>Net Specials Income</u>	<u>\$23,676</u>	<u>\$4,746</u>

Statement of Financial Position:

Total Liabilities and Net Assets as of April 30, 2023:

	2023	2022
	\$967,996.27	\$1,055,270.65

Roser Food Pantry – Cathy Meehan

- 88 bags of groceries in March, up significantly from the past several months.
- \$3910.50 Publix cards to 42 recipients in April.
- Blessing bags fully utilized.
- Food drive in early March was done.

Report from Executive Committee – Cathy Meehan

- **Proposal for a Contracts Oversight Team at Roser Church** (Draft 5 April 26, 2023)
 - **Why?** It has become clear that legal arrangements between Roser Church and outside entities sometimes require more specific expertise than our volunteer leaders may possess. During the property lease agreement update process this past summer and fall, there were legal and tax implications that we needed to recognize and address that required the use of legal and accounting professionals. Drafting legal documents and engaging in business relationships requires input from several people within Roser Church as these activities frequently impact the whole church.
 - **Proposal**
As Chair of the Congregation, I am proposing the creation of a Contracts Oversight Team that would work on issues impacting Roser Church that require specific expertise that may not be found among individual church volunteers or single Boards or Committees. The Contracts Oversight Team would be responsible for reviewing corporate contracts between Roser and outside entities. The Team would engage with outside professionals as needed.

All recommendations from this Team for finalizing contracts would require review by the Executive Committee and approval by the Council before implementation.

- The Chair of the Congregation would appoint the members of the Contracts Oversight Team, who would then be brought to Council for approval. Members would be people with relevant experience and expertise most directly related to the issue at hand. Initially this Team would be a Special Committee as defined by the Roser Bylaws, with renewal by Council at the next Annual Meeting as specified in the Bylaws. This Special Committee may become a standing committee in the future.

- **From the Roser Bylaws, II The Church Council:**

The Council, as the governing body of the church, has the authority to create Special Committees. The scope of responsibility and the make-up of the Special Committee(s) shall be as approved by Council. Special Committee members may be Roser Members, Roser non-members or Roser Staff. The Chair of a Special Committee must be a non-Staff Roser Member. Unless the Bylaws are amended to make a Special Committee a "Standing Committee," any and all Special Committees shall cease to exist at the time of the next Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Action by Council is required, for any Special Committee(s) to be continued beyond the Annual Meeting when it was scheduled to expire. A Standing Committee is a Committee that has a continuing existence.

- **MOTION to Council from Executive Committee by Cathy Meehan That Council approve the creation of a Special Committee named the Contracts Oversight Team that would work on issues impacting Roser Church that require specific expertise that may not be found among individual church volunteers or single Boards or Committees and whose members are appointed on an as-needed basis, based on pertinent experience and expertise needed at any given time, by the Chair of the Congregation.**

2nd Jim Bennington

MOTION PASSED

- **MOTION by Cathy Meehan that Jim Bennington, Dick Gilmore, David Cheshire, a representative from the Board of Trustees, and Cathy Meehan be appointed to the Contracts Oversight Team to work on finalizing the leased property agreement amendment process.**

2nd Glenda Beck

MOTION PASSED

- **DAT Committee**

MOTION by Jim Bennington to add the following members to DAT: Alan Ward, Matt Meehan, and Emily Glasscock. They still would like 2 more members.

2nd Darrel Shinn

MOTION PASSED

OLD BUSINESS

- Choir Loft update - Jim Bennington reported they met with a contractor and should receive a quote in the near future, after which they can launch the capital campaign for fundraising.

NEW BUSINESS - NONE

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of Roser Council is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, 2023 online at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn / Prayer: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM, Pastor Dirk ended the meeting with prayer.

Minutes submitted by Cass Robertson, Clerk of Council