

**ROSER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
June 28, 2023**

In Attendance: Glenda Beck, Jim Bennington, Beth Bernet, Cherrie Birkman, David Cheshire, Dale & Barb Dohner, Kathleen Geist-Eskew, Dick Gilmore, Dave Haddox, Gary Hickerson, Cathy Meehan, Bill Marini, Peggy Nash, Sherry Oehler, Vanessa Oney, Donna Pope, Cass Robertson, Darrel & Sue Shinn, John & Sharon Skladany, Ron Vandeman, Dick Walter, Alan Ward, Randy Zion.

CALL TO ORDER: Cathy Meehan, Chair of the Congregation, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held remotely by Zoom.

Joys & Concerns were shared. Cathy Meehan opened the meeting with prayer. Craig and Brandon are ill - Cynthia Nash-Frye will play this Sunday. Congratulations to Charles Wade who was recently ordained.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES from 05/26/23

There were no corrections to the minutes.

MOTION by Dave Haddox to accept the minutes from 5/26/23 as published.

2nd Doug DeLong

MOTION PASSED

REPORTS PRESENTED - In addition to the published June 2023 B/C Reports submitted.

Nominating Committee – Darrel Shinn

- Sharon Wisniewski has agreed to be Vice Chair of the Congregation. John Skladany has resigned.

MOTION by Darrel Shinn to nominate Sharon Wisniewski as Vice-Chair of the Congregation

2nd Jim Bennington

MOTION PASSED

Trustees – Alan Ward

- Contractor for the stage recommended to remove 6 Australian pines along the canal that are near the location the stage will be located. Alan consulted an arborist who thinks the trees are 40-50 years old and also recommended they be removed as the trees are likely to fall over and pull up a large root ball. Alan got some quotes of \$6-\$9K to remove them. Several alternatives were discussed. Planting replacement trees was a suggestion well received which can wait until after the stage is built.

MOTION by Alan Ward to remove the six trees as identified above for \$6000.

2nd Dave Haddox

Darrel Shinn made a motion to call the question which was seconded and passed.

MOTION TO REMOVE TREES PASSED

- A lengthy discussion ensued discussing the necessity of tree removal, and alternatives such as tree trimming. Also a question was raised as to whether building the outdoor stage should be pursued, as the cost has continued to increase. David Cheshire reported most of the money needed has already been raised or pledged, except for \$10,000.

MOTION by Randy Zion to postpone the building of the stage and removal of the trees until further analysis is done as to whether the stage is a good investment, and whether the trees are diseased and need removal, and plan for replacement if the trees are removed.

2nd Kathleen Geist-Eskew. Kathleen withdrew her 2nd and Randy withdrew his motion.

MOTION by David Cheshire to delay the tree removal until further analysis of the condition of the trees is done, and whether the stage project should be pursued, and that the Major Projects Committee review justification of the stage project.

2nd Dave Haddox

MOTION PASSED

Altar - Donna Pope

- Edna is providing flowers for Sunday mornings

Guild – Cherie Birkman

- Thrift Shop will be closed July 4th.

BREd - Beth Bernet

- Met Sunday. Next meeting in September.
- Debriefed VBS.
- Expect a busy Fall and Christmas season

Missions - Vanessa Oney

- Peggy Nash has accepted the position of Vice-Chair of Missions Committee.
- Will not meet until September

Music - Sherry Oehler

- See report in Joint Summary File
- Planning meeting in June
 - Roser Ringers will perform the last Sunday of the month.
 - Christmas Cantata rehearsals will begin in October.
 - Christmas Cantata will be December 17th, 2023
 - Music Appreciation Sunday will be February 17th, 2024
 - Easter Cantata rehearsals begin in January, with cantata held March 24, 2024
 - Concert series will be Tuesdays at 5:00 pm, January 30 and February 27, 2024
 - Youth Performing Arts in planning stages.
 - Planning a music retreat.
 - Contemporary video discussion with music department, then Deacons and Pastor Dirk.
 - Ordering new piano covers out of designated funds.
 - Cynthia Nash-Frye filled in for Brandon,
 - Will meet in July but not August.

Membership – Sharon Skladany

- Two new members joined and were formally introduced at last Sunday service.

Library – Dianne DeLong

- Sherry is managing the Library over the summer.

Stewardship – Randy Zion

- Quarterly letter will go out to congregation
- Giving is about 10% above last year.

Financial Reports - David Cheshire, Gary Hickerson, Jim Bennington

- David reported Roser is doing well financially.
 - o Expected \$70K deficit for 2023, but are actually \$25K ahead of budget.
 - o Attendance up 17%
 - o Memorials up but is due to passing of four long-term Roser members.

- Jim reported investments are up.

<u>Investments</u>	05/31/2023	YE 2022
Long-Term Sustaining:	\$392.6K	\$376.4K
Oper / Emer Reserves	\$341.1K (\$134.7K cash)	\$326.7K
Total Investments	\$733.7K	\$703.1K

- Financials Report – As of 5/31/2023 (compiled from detail reports):

<u>Executive Summary of YTD Operating Income and Expenses</u>		
	05/31/2023	2022
Operating Income	\$263,563	\$227,728
Undesignated Memorials	\$84,719	\$86,181
Total Income	\$348,282	\$313,809
Operating Expenses	\$305,514	\$262,482
Capital Improvements	<u>\$8,206</u>	<u>\$225</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$313,719</u>	<u>\$262,707</u>
Net Operating Income	\$34,562	\$51,102
<u>Designated</u>	2023	2022
Income	\$96,618	\$67,935
Expenses	<u>\$71,379</u>	<u>\$74,583</u>
Net Designated Income	\$25,238	-\$6,649

Statement of Financial Position:

Total Liabilities and Net Assets as of May 31, 2023:

	2023	2022
	\$1,013,972.83	\$1,033,140.11

Roser Food Pantry – Cathy Meehan

- 66 bags were distributed in May.
- \$3920 was spent on the Food Recipient Program in April.
- Blessing Box is refreshed more often, 3-4 times per week.
- Boll weevil infestation has been identified.
- There are mold issues in the Food Pantry – looking for a leak.

OLD BUSINESS

- Indoor Stage: Jim Bennington reported he got a quote for the inside stage for \$155K. Awaiting a second quote. Plan to bring forward plans for fundraising and congregational approval.
- Blue Ribbon Events.com proposal. Alan explained the program.

MOTION by Alan Ward to accept the Blue Ribbon Events Proposal for the three planned events.

2nd Jim Bennington

MOTION PASSED

NEW BUSINESS

- QR code for Roser Chapel visitors – David Cheshire.
 - Would take the user to Roser web site, where they could see Roser history, videos, and other information
 - **MOTION by David Cheshire to approve the QR project as presented.**
2nd Kathleen Geist-Eskew
MOTION PASSED
- 4th of July Parade - please contact Beth Bernet if you can ride on the float.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of Roser Council is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, 2023 online at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn / Prayer: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM, Cathy Meehan ended the meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Cass Robertson, Clerk of Council