

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

In Attendance: Jim Bennington, Beth Bernet, David Cheshire, Dianne and Doug DeLong, Dan Divine, Barb Dohner, Dick Gilmore, Dave Haddox, Nancian Hall, Gary Hickerson, Cathy Meehan, Linda Moore, Peggy Nash, Sherry Oehler, Vanessa Oney, Gretchen Petraske, Donna Pope, Lorna -Powers, Cass Robertson, Dirk Rodgers, Darrel & Sue Shinn, John & Sharon Skladany, Ron Vandeman, Dick Walter, Alan Ward.

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.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES from 06/28/23

There was a correction to the minutes: Doug and Dianne DeLong were present at the meeting.

MOTION by Dick Gilmore to accept the minutes from 6/28/23 as corrected.

2nd Doug DeLong

MOTION PASSED

Cathy recognized and thanked John Skladany for his great work as Vice-Chair of the Congregation, including the extra time in 2023.

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

Pastor – Rev. Dirk Rodgers

- Attendance is up and Roser now has 500 YouTube subscribers.

Altar – Donna Pope

- Edna is doing a great job providing weekly flowers for the altar.

BREd – Beth Bernet

- Not meeting until September
- Save the date
 - 9/17/23 Wrapping shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Lunch provided.
 - Trunk or Treat, Bayfest and other events coming up

Deacons – Cathy Meehan and John Skladany

- Not meeting over the summer.
- Thanks to Deacons for helping while Pastor Dirk was on vacation. Thanks to Beth Bernet for doing the Children's Sermon.

Finance – David Cheshire, Jim Bennington, & Gary Hickerson

- Gary Reported income and revenue were over budget and expenses were under budget for June. There was a deficit less than expected for the month of June and for YTD there was a positive net income of \$28,646. Pledges and contributions for June were down vs. June 2022, and less than budgeted but are over budget for YTD.
- Financial assets were up in June, month over month and YTD.
- There are 2.2 months of cash on hand available.
- Jim Bennington reported investments are doing well so far this year.
- Contributions have fallen with a decreasing trend. A reminder may be needed to encourage the congregation to support Roser financially.

• <u>Investments</u>	06/30/2023	YE 2022
Long-Term Sustaining:	\$411.6K	\$376.4K
Oper / Emer Reserves	<u>\$351.8K (\$135.4K cash)</u>	<u>\$326.7K</u>
Total Investments	\$763.4K	\$703.1K

- Financials Report – As of 6/30/2023 (compiled from detail reports):

<u>Executive Summary of YTD Operating Income and Expenses</u>		
	06/30/2023	2022
Operating Income	\$309,231	\$267,202
Undesignated Memorials	\$84,844	\$86,181
Total Income	\$394,074	\$353,384
Operating Expenses	\$365,429	\$315,827
Capital Improvements	<u>\$6,583</u>	<u>\$7,380</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$365,429</u>	<u>\$323,207</u>
Net Operating Income	\$28,646	\$30,177
<u>Designated</u>	2023	2022
Income	\$103,326	\$74,308
Expenses	<u>\$84,945</u>	<u>\$83,347</u>
Net Designated Income	\$18,382	-\$9,039

Statement of Financial Position:

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

	2023	2022
	\$1,035,240.31	\$948,016.08

Food Bank – Cathy Meehan

- 64 bags were distributed.
- \$3,861 was distributed in Publix cards to Sponsored Food Recipients.
- Blessing Box being used frequently. There was one theft incident. Jack is following the situation.
- Weevil infestation continues, noted especially in pasta. Still looking for a solution.

Guild – Nancian Hall

- Thrift Shop closed for cleaning in August except for collecting donations on Wednesdays.
- Thrift Shop will reopen Sept 5th.

Library – Dianne and Doug DeLong

- Sherry is watching over the library for the summer.

Music – Sherry Oehler

- Commercial grade covers for the Sanctuary and Chapel pianos have been ordered for \$800.
- On-Line subscription service for \$159 from the American Guild Organization, who offers a broad range of education for many music-related groups. The subscription was less than expected and very comprehensive in what it offers.
- Craig & Brandon will be on vacation beginning August 7, 2023 & will be off for 3 Sundays. Piano subs are arranged.
- The choir is off for August.

Stewardship – Jim Bennington

- Plan to start Stewardship campaign soon as contributions are down.

Trustees – Alan Ward

- No meetings until Fall

OLD BUSINESS

- Outside Stage Update –
 - Members of the Major Projects Committee are Dick Gilmore, David Cheshire, Cathy Meehan, Dirk Rodgers, Alan Ward, Sharon Wisniewski, Jim Bennington, Jeanette Rothberg, Brandon Kourie, Craig Ramberger, Jay Calhoun.
 - Cathy Meehan reviewed the history of discussions, including motions since 2021.
 - 11/17/21 Council voted to form the Major Projects Committee who was charged with researching and recommending proposals for an outdoor stage venue and the remodel of the choir area in the front of the Sanctuary.
 - Outdoor Stage project - have been working with Anna Maria City and vendors to determine budget estimates and a graphic model of what the stage would look like.
 - 6/28/23 – Council voted to delay the tree removal until further analysis of the condition of the trees was done and whether the stage project should be pursued.
 - The Major Projects Committee reviewed the justification of the stage project and approved the proposal as sent to Council and recommend Council approve the proposal and FAQ document to share with the congregation.
 - \$38,000 of the \$50,000 cost estimate for the Outdoor Stage has already been raised or pledged.

MOTION by Jim Bennington for the Major Projects Committee to accept the proposal of the Major Projects Committee to proceed with the construction of the outside stage venue as described in the Outdoor Stage Project FAQ document at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

2nd Dick Gilmore

MOTION PASSED

- Sanctuary Indoor Stage Update
 - So far, have one bid, with hopefully another bid coming soon. It has been difficult to get contractors to bid on the project so we have not been able to get a realistic estimate for the cost of the project.
- Tree Removal – There was a lengthy discussion on removing the Australian pine trees that are in the vicinity of the outdoor stage construction. Opinions on which trees and the pros and cons of tree removal were voiced. Contractors have expressed that the tree roots will be an issue for building the foundation of the stage.

Pastor Dirk recommended that the Major Projects Committee meet for a sight visit to review the area; the trees; if the roots would interfere with building the new foundation; and how much shade the trees would provide for outdoor events. Once the information is known, the committee will bring an updated recommendation back for further discussion at the next Council meeting. They plan to have a vote on the tree matter at the August meeting. The plan is to move forward with the Outdoor Stage Project now except for tree removal.

- Contract Oversight Team – Cathy Meehan reviewed the recommendations from the committee, after completing negotiations, to sign an agreement with Beach Bums.

MOTION by Cathy Meehan for the Contract Oversight Team that Council accept the proposed amended lease agreement with Rainbow Tropical LLC, doing business as Beach Bums, for an annual lease payment of \$6000 plus state and county sales tax plus a 3% escalation on each renewal date.

2nd Jim Bennington

MOTION PASSED

NEW BUSINESS - None

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of Roser Council is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23, 2023 online at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn / Prayer: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM. Pastor Dirk ended the meeting with prayer.

Minutes submitted by Cass Robertson, Clerk of Council