

**ROSER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
September 27, 2023**

In Attendance: Jim Bennington, Glenda Beck, Beth Bernet, Cherrie Birkman, David Cheshire, Dianne and Doug DeLong, Dan Divine, Barb & Dale Dohner, Nancian Hall, Jean Knopp, Bill Marini, Cathy Meehan, Peggy Nash, Sherry Oehler, Gretchen Petraske, 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 7:01 pm. The meeting was held remotely by Zoom.

**Joys & Concerns** were shared. Pastor Dirk opened the meeting with prayer.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES from 08/23/23**

There were no corrections to the minutes.

**MOTION by Glenda Beck to accept the minutes from 8/23/23 as published.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Darrel Shinn**

**MOTION PASSED**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS - Cathy Meehan**

- Cathy reported that the usual 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in November is the day before Thanksgiving. Council will vote in October whether to hold the meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> or November 29<sup>th</sup>. Note that if held on the 15<sup>th</sup>, Finance Committee, Exec Committee, and Council would meet three days in a row.
- Employee evaluations are due the end of October.

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

**Pastor – Rev. Dirk Rodgers**

- See report in Joint Summary File.
- A data base of open volunteer positions has been added to the web site (thank you Pastor Dirk!). There are on-line and paper forms available for ministries to fill out and provide notification on the web site which will also be shown during Sunday services.

**BREd – Beth Bernet**

- See report in Joint Summary File.
- Need volunteers for BayFest on October 21, 2023. Anyone can help and it's fun!

**Deacons – John Skladany**

- Working on upcoming holiday schedule and music.
- Pastor Dirk noted that Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fall on a Sunday this year.

**Finance – David Cheshire & Jim Bennington**

- David reported BOF is meeting with Board and Committee Chairs to begin the 2024 budget process.
- Worship contributions are doing better than budgeted.
- Deficit is less than anticipated.
- Jim Bennington reported contributions have been consistent and they are optimistic for end year.
- Investments are up and down but financial status is solid.

• <u>Investments</u>	08/31/2023	YE 2022
Long-Term Sustaining:	\$427.0K	\$376.4K
Oper / Emer Reserves	<u>\$345.0K</u> (\$181.4K cash)	<u>\$326.7K</u>
Total Investments	\$772.0K	\$703.1K

- Financials Report – As of 8/31/2023 (compiled from detail reports):

Executive Summary of YTD Operating Income and Expenses

	08/31/2023	2022
Operating Income	\$374,386	\$332,086
Unrestricted Memorials	\$85,144	\$86,281
Total Income	\$459,530	\$418,368
Operating Expenses	\$455,807	\$421,829
Capital Improvements	<u>\$6,583</u>	<u>\$22,400</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$462,390</u>	<u>\$444,229</u>
Net Operating Income	<b>-\$2,860</b>	<b>-\$25,366</b>
<u>Designated</u>	2023	2022
Income	\$116,933	\$84,114
Expenses	<u>\$108,904</u>	<u>\$105,480</u>
Net Designated Income	\$8,029	<b>-\$25,366</b>

Statement of Financial Position:

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

	2023	2022
	\$997,673.87	\$897,796.39

**Food Bank – Cathy Meehan for Jack Brennan**

- 59 bags were distributed in August.
- \$3,516 was distributed in Publix cards to Sponsored Food Recipients for August.
- Blessing Box is being used frequently.

**Membership – Sharon Skladany**

- There will be two new members introduced at this Sunday 10:00 service.

**Music – Sherry Oehler**

- Craig and Brandon were grateful for their vacation time off.
- Choir and Bells have resumed.
- Looking for choir members to sing in the cantata. Rehearsals begin this week.
- Youth Performing Arts program “Noah & the Rocking Ark” will be held in the spring next year.

- Brandon will start piano lessons in January for adults.
- Budgeting \$2000 from Music Designated Funds for piano maintenance.
- Bells will participate in a Christmas musical workshop in October.
- Working on the 2024 Concert Series. Please call Sherry with suggestions.

#### **Nominating – Darrel Shinn**

- Will meet in October and begin recruiting new board and committee members. Please contact Darrel or Barb Dohner to volunteer. Randy Zion has resigned as Chair of Stewardship.

#### **Stephen Ministers - Cass Robertson for Lorna Smilde-Powers**

- Preparing for Fall event: Surviving the holidays.
- GriefShare will begin a new series in January.

#### **Trustees – Alan Ward**

- No meetings until November
- Outside stage project is in process. Permit has been approved by the City. Hoping for kit to arrive in early November and take 4-6 weeks to complete, to be ready for Christmas Eve Services. Dan Divine thanked Pastor Dirk for compiling and sending the brochure and stated the venue will be a great addition to the community.
- Pastor Dirk reported that fundraising for the outside stage has met budget, with actual received funds as of today of \$41,500. There is a pledge for \$10,000 outstanding but confirmed by the donor, plus an additional \$3000 promised for a total amount of \$51,500. Praise the Lord!

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- David Cheshire reported the Contracts Oversight Committee has been working on a short term lease agreement for using the outdoor stage venue for non-profit organizations like Blue Ribbon Events. Roser Boards and Committees and ministries are welcome to use this venue to publicize their purpose, needs, etc. It was suggested our venue may be popular.
- Sanctuary Stage: Expecting a 2<sup>nd</sup> bid next week. Once the bids are received, the committee will review budget, tech and AV considerations for the bid. The project will need to be approved by the congregation before fund-raising can begin.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting of Roser Council is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2023 online at 7:00 PM.

**Adjourn / Prayer:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM. Pastor Dirk ended the meeting with prayer.

Minutes submitted by Cass Robertson, Clerk of Council