

**ROSER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
October 25, 2023**

In Attendance: Jim Bennington, Glenda Beck, Beth Bernet, Cherrie Birkman, David Cheshire, Dan Divine, Andy DeVries, Barb & Dale Dohner, Dick Gilmore, Nancian Hall, Gary Hickerson, Jean Knopp, Bill Marini, Cathy Meehan, Peggy Nash, Sherry Oehler, Cass Robertson, Dirk Rodgers, Darrel & Sue Shinn, John & Sharon Skladany, Lorna Smilde-Powers, Ron Vandeman, Dick Walter, Alan Ward, Sharon Wisniewski.

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. Pastor Dirk opened the meeting with prayer.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES from 09/27/23

There were no corrections to the minutes.

MOTION by Darrel Shinn to accept the minutes from 9/27/23 as published.

2nd Glenda Beck

MOTION PASSED

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

Pastor – Rev. Dirk Rodgers

- See report in Joint Summary File.
- Met with Deacons and determined holiday services schedule
- New Ministry Ideas
 - Holy Yoga, a national program in various churches (see attached document).
 - Mom's with young children, (see attached document).

BREd – Beth Bernet

- See report in Joint Summary File.
- BayFest did not have as many children as years past, and was mostly visitors.

Deacons – Lorna Smilde-Powers

- Preparing for upcoming holiday schedule and music.
- Planning a social gathering for new members.

Finance – David Cheshire, Jim Bennington & Gary Hickerson

- Gary reported September income exceeded budget, anticipated deficit was less than expected. YTD deficit is less than budgeted.
- Total assets dropped from August to September but still exceed LYTD.
- Jim reported investments are down but Roser remains financially sound.
- Worship contributions are doing better than budgeted.
- Follow-up on Fire & Rescue tax: Roser is exempt.

• <u>Investments</u>	09/30/2023	YE 2022
Long-Term Sustaining:	\$414.6K	\$376.4K
Oper / Emer Reserves	<u>\$334.9K</u> (\$206.0K cash)	<u>\$326.7K</u>
Total Investments	\$749.5K	\$703.1K

- Financials Report – As of 9/30/2023 (compiled from detail reports):

Executive Summary of YTD Operating Income and Expenses

	09/30/2023	2022
Operating Income	\$405,663	\$359,904
Unrestricted Memorials	\$85,144	\$86,281
Total Income	\$490,807	\$446,185
Operating Expenses	\$510,571	\$482,550
Capital Improvements	<u>\$6,583</u>	<u>\$22,647</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$517,154</u>	<u>\$505,197</u>
Net Operating Income	-\$26,346	-\$59,012
<u>Designated</u>	2023	2022
Income	\$139,060	\$86,764
Expenses	<u>\$132,741</u>	<u>\$112,409</u>
Net Designated Income	\$6,320	-\$25,644

Statement of Financial Position:

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

	2023	2022
	\$950,006.91	\$822,040.87

Food Bank – Cathy Meehan for Jack Brennan

- 66 bags were distributed in September.
- \$3,600 in Publix cards to 36 recipients was distributed to Sponsored Food Recipients for September.
- Blessing Box is being used frequently.

Guild – Cherrie Birkman

- Thrift Shop is doing well. Still need volunteers, especially men to help in Thrift Shop.
- Circle meetings resume November 7th at 10 at Edna Bomar's home.
- The general November meeting is scheduled for the 14th.
- Board will meet tomorrow to plan future programs, set the budget, and present the officers slate.

Membership – Sharon Skladany

- Continue to welcome new members.
- Will hold a social event with Deacons for new members in November. Lorna will host.

Music – Sherry Oehler

- October 28, 2023 Roser Ringers will take part in a 9:30 am Christmas Music Workshop - Pine Shores Presbyterian Church in south Sarasota, followed by a concert at 3 PM. All are welcome.
- Youth Performing Arts will perform in the cantata. They will practice during the 10:00 service. So far, 10 children plan to participate.
- Brandon will start piano lessons in January for adults.
- Continue to work on the 2024 Concert Series. They still need a performer for the February concert. Contact Sherry, Craig or Brandon with suggestions.

Nominating – Darrel Shinn

- Committee will meet this week – looking for volunteers to serve on Boards and Committees.

Stephen Ministers - Lorna Smilde-Powers

- Preparing for Fall event: Surviving the holidays - 11/19/23.
- GriefShare will begin a new series in January.

Trustees – Alan Ward

- Will resume regular meetings in November
- Outside stage project is in process. Trees will be removed this week. Pergola footings will be put in next week. Pergola kit should be delivered in November and take 4-6 weeks to complete, hoping to be ready for Christmas Eve Services.

OLD BUSINESS

- Inside stage: Jim Bennington reported they met with the AV contractor to discuss needs.
- November Council meeting date: Consensus was to hold November Council on 11/15/23.
- Employee evaluations are due.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of Roser Council is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2023 online at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn / Prayer: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM. Pastor Dirk ended the meeting with prayer.

Minutes submitted by Cass Robertson, Clerk of Council