

**ROSER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
November 15, 2023**

In Attendance: Jim Bennington, Glenda Beck, Beth Bernet, Cherrie Birkman, David Cheshire, Doug & Dianne DeLong, Dan Divine, Barb & Dale Dohner, Kathleen Geist-Eskew, Nancian Hall, Jean Knopp, , Cathy Meehan, Peggy Nash, Sherry Oehler, Donna Pope, Cass Robertson, Dirk Rodgers, Darrel Shinn, 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 10/15/23**

There were no corrections to the minutes.

**MOTION by Peggy Nash to accept the minutes from 10/15/23 as published.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Glenda Beck**

**MOTION PASSED**

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

**Pastor – Rev. Dirk Rodgers**

- See report in Joint Summary File.
- Commission of Island ferry fleet - Pastor Dirk will do the opening prayer and blessing of the fleet.

**Altar – Donna Pope**

- Thank you to Edna and Pat Bomar for their wonderful work every week.

**BREd – Beth Bernet**

- Movie night is this Saturday at 6:00 PM for children & adults. Would love some more volunteers to help and bring your friends & neighbors.
- Bethlehem Walk 12/3/23, looking for a baby Jesus volunteer.
- Christmas Parade 12/9, 8:30-noon. Need some people to ride along. It is a fun time!
- **Lisa Lardas, nursery attendant, is retiring as of 12/25/23.**

**MOTION by Glenda Beck to form a search committee to find her replacement.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sharon Wisniewski**

**Motion Passed**

- 116 shoeboxes were filled and sent off for Samaritan's Christmas Child.

**Deacons – Sharon Wisniewski**

- Working on scheduling for holiday activities.

**Finance – David Cheshire & Jim Bennington**

- David reported budget is looking good and may end with a small surplus, due mainly to decrease in expenses.
- Jim reported investments are up so far this month but fluctuate.
- **Investments**

	10/31/2023	YE 2022
Long-Term Sustaining:	\$405.3K	\$376.4K
Oper / Emer Reserves	<u>\$332.9K</u> (\$206.0K cash)	<u>\$326.7K</u>
Total Investments	\$738.2K	\$703.1K

- **Financials Report** – As of 10/31/2023 (compiled from detail reports):

Executive Summary of YTD Operating Income and Expenses

	10/31/2023	2022
Operating Income	\$447,399	\$404,876
Unrestricted Memorials	\$85,144	\$81,306
Total Income	\$532,543	\$491,183
Operating Expenses	\$560,322	\$566,795
Capital Improvements	<u>\$6,583</u>	<u>\$49,737</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$566,905</u>	<u>\$583,532</u>
Net Operating Income	<b>-\$34,362</b>	<b>-\$92,350</b>
<u>Designated</u>	2023	2022
Income	\$163,190	\$93,336
Expenses	<u>\$160,114</u>	<u>\$131,455</u>
Net Designated Income	\$3,076	<b>-\$38,119</b>

Statement of Financial Position:

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

	2023	2022
	\$927,411.41	\$811,225.96

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

- 66 bags of groceries were distributed in October.
- \$3,850 in Publix cards to 36 recipients was distributed to Sponsored Food Recipients for October.
- Blessing Box is being used frequently, about 2 bags per week.

**Guild – Cherrie Birkman**

- See attached report
- Edna Bomar has graciously offered to host Circle meetings and has also volunteered to be the Circle Chairman. They the first Tuesday of the month (January – April) at 10.
- The general November meeting was the 14<sup>th</sup>. They remembered Marion Valentine.
- Next meeting is the Christmas Tea on 12/12 at noon. All are invited.
- There will be no Circle meeting in December.
- Migrant Sewers meet in the Fellowship Hall the first and third Mondays of the months of November to April. All sewers are welcome. This group will give over 260 quilts, 40 layettes, 100 knitted hats, backpacks, and some toys to the migrants at the Migrant Tea this Friday.

- Kate Gilbertson, faithful volunteer at the Thrift Shop, passed away. She will be missed. She was well known for cleaning and repairing Beanie Babies. A box of the toys she prepared will be presented at the Migrant Tea this Friday to go to the migrant children.
- Thrift Shop is doing well. Cherrie thanked all the volunteers who help every day. They still need volunteers, especially men to help in the annex.

#### **Membership – Cathy Meehan for Sharon Skladany**

- Deacons, Membership and Pastor Dirk welcomed new members with a dinner graciously hosted by Lorna & Dale Powers. It was a very nice event.

#### **Missions – Peggy Nash**

- No meeting this month.
- October MOM was Sherriff's Youth Ranch who received \$2040.
- MOM for November is Wycliff Bible Translators.
- Monthly Mission Committee basket at the Missions table on Mission Sunday received \$63 this month.

#### **Music – Sherry Oehler**

- Purchased 2 new bell tables and skirts from Music Designated. There are 20 active members.
- Bell polishing will be 12/19/23, 1pm, in preparation for Christmas.
- Christmas Choir will have an outreach on 12/10/23 after 10 am worship. They will go to lunch then go caroling at three area nursing homes.
- Christmas Cantata is 12/16/23, including about 12 children who are part of Roser Youth Performing Arts (RYPA). Bred is helping to care for children while they are not on stage during the Cantata. Pam Ladd is providing refreshments for the musicians between the performances.
- Pianos – Sanctuary piano will be tuned and voiced. Chapel piano will have a major refurbishment (it is an upright baby grand piano). It will have the hammers rewrapped. This will occur during the month of March 2024 and the Chapel piano will not be available during this time.
  - 2024 Concert Series - 1/30/24, 5pm (Tuesday) – Wyndbreakers, 3/1/24 (Friday evening) - Holy Land Trip Choir
- Brandon will start piano lessons in January for adults. Contact Brandon for more information.
- Updating the Music page on the Roser web site with pictures and other data.
- Next meeting 12/11/23

#### **Nominating – Barb Dohner**

- Nominating Committee will meet this week – looking for volunteers to serve on Boards and Committees. Looking for Vice Chair of the Congregation, and several deacons and other positions. They give any names they receive to the chairs of the B/C to contact and speak with them and give them more information about the board or committee and answer questions.

#### **Trustees – Alan Ward**

- Resumed regular meetings in November
- Lights have been turned back on in the parking lot after being disconnected to bring in the heavy equipment to put in the foundation.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Glenda Beck reported there will be a Blue Ribbon Event 12/1-12/2/23. Roser will have a free booth and tent to sell raffle tickets (proceeds go to the Food Bank), and talk about Roser Church. Volunteers are needed to do two hour shifts both Saturday and Sunday. Contact Glenda for more information.
- Outdoor stage – Alan Ward reported the trees have been removed and the concrete poured for the foundation. They hope for delivery of the pergola kit before Thanksgiving. Volunteers to put the pergola up are needed. Contact Alan if you have some construction/handy-man experience and can help.
- Inside stage: Jim Bennington reported they plan to present a budget ready to approve by year end. They anticipate about \$156K cost. The Major Projects Committee will make a recommendation that will go to Exec, then Council, then the congregation will review the project and budget for approval at the Annual Meeting in February 2024.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Employee evaluations are due now.
- Annual Reports from Boards and Committees are due in early January.
- December meeting dates – Council will meet December 13, 2023.

**NOTE:** Meetings are early this month due to the Christmas holiday. BOF 12/11, Exec 12/12 and Council 12/13.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting of Roser Council is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2023 online at 7:00 PM.

**Adjourn / Prayer:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Minutes submitted by Cass Robertson, Clerk of Council

## **ADDENDUM TO COUNCIL JOINT SUMMARY FILE**

### **Roser Music Committee Minutes November 13, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 1:04 pm

Members Present: Craig Ramberger, Brandon Kouri, Susan Cheshire, Karen DiCostanzo, Sherry Oehler, Diane DeLong

Absent: Marsha McAllister

Meeting called to order at 1:02 PM

Prayer and Concerns were shared.

Minutes of 10-9-23 were approved.

#### Financials

Several corrections to reports needed. Designated Fund 3603 needs to be changed to Roser Youth Performing Arts.

Instrument Maintenance Budget 5604 needs to be reviewed with Matt as we think the overbudget is because of Bell Maintenance being categorized here instead of Music Designated 3601.

Two new bell tables were purchased for \$640 plus shipping and \$400 for table skirting. This expenditure will be from Music Designated 3601. This expenditure was needed as there is now a potential of 20 ringers when all are available. The tables will also be useful when a smaller handbell choir is playing in the Chapel.

#### Sunday Choir/Bells

Bell Polishing – December 19 @ 1PM

Christmas Choir Outreach – December 10 after 10 AM Worship – Sunny Bower, Brookdale, Casa Mora. Lunch at Popi's

#### Christmas Cantata

Two performances of 'Sing Christmas' on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 and 10 AM Worship. There are 65+ musicians - singers, ringers, orchestra and RYPA children participating.

Pam Ladd is providing refreshments between services for the musicians.

Roser Youth Performing Arts

Approximately 12 children will participate in the Christmas Cantata. Craig and Brandon are rehearsing with them for about 15-20 minutes each Sunday during Christian Education time and also on Friday evenings at 6 PM. They will perform at both Cantatas on December 17<sup>th</sup>. BReD is assisting Music with caring for them while they are not performing.

Concert Series

January 30<sup>th</sup> @ 5 PM Wyndbreakers

March 1<sup>st</sup> @ TBD Holy Land Trip Choir

Adult Group Piano Lessons

Brandon will be giving lessons beginning in January. 10 lessons for \$250

Please contact him to sign up.

Roser Website – Music page

Music Committee, Craig and Brandon are working with Bev to update the Music page on Roser's website. There are many pictures to share of children, choir, bells, cantata and outreach plus information about how people can be a part of the Music program at Roser.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Oehler

The next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2023 at 1:00 pm in the library.