

COUNCIL MEETING ROSER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

February 28, 2024

In Attendance: Glenda Beck, Beth Bernet, Edna Bomar, David Cheshire, Doug & Dianne DeLong, , Andy DiVries, Barb & Dale Dohner, Kathleen Geist-Eskew, Dick Gilmore, Gary Hickerson, Margo Kingsley, Jean Knopp, Bill Marini, Peggy Nash, Sherry Oehler, Carol & Wayne Patterson, Lorna Smilde-Powers, Cass Robertson, Dirk Rodgers, Darrel & Sue Shinn, John & Sharon Skladany, Gail Swain, Ron Vandeman, Dick Walter, Sharon Wisniewski.

CALL TO ORDER: Sharon Wisniewski, 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 Rodgers opened the meeting with prayer.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES from 01/24/24

There were no corrections to the minutes:

MOTION by Dianne DeLong to accept the minutes from 01/24/24 as published.

2nd Kathleen Eskew-Geist

MOTION PASSED

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES from 02/19/24

MOTION by Darrel Shinn to accept the minutes from 02/19/24 as published.

2nd Glenda Beck

MOTION PASSED

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

Pastor – Rev. Dirk Rodgers – See report in Joint Summary File as sent to Council

- Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday Communion service, 3/28/24 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel, Good Friday at noon in the Chapel, two Easter Sunday services at 8:30 am in Sanctuary; and at 10 am outdoors which will include the children's sermon and the children's choir will sing. Pastor Dirk will also do the offertory prayer at Sunrise service on the Beach.
- Lyrics will be on the back screen for the choir and they will also see the children's service on the back screen. They will be able to switch back and forth between screens.

Deacons – Lorna Smilde-Powers

- Met this week.
- Discussed Passion week services. All is set.
- Thanks to Carol Patterson who has joined the Deacons. Her election will be approved at Council.

Finance – David Cheshire, Gary Hickerson, & Dale Dohner

- Gary reported total January income was 7.5% below budget, contributions were 8.7% under budget which is 3.8%v less than the prior year. Expenses were also under budget with a net loss less than expected.
- Total financial assets and investments were 2.2% above December and 11.3% above January 2023.
- Some of the deficit has been made up in February. David reported a large annual donation was received which helped to cover the month's expenses.
- Dale Dohner is the new chair of the Board of Finance.

• <u>Investments</u>	1/31/2024	YE 2023
Long-Term Sustaining:	\$444.8K	\$455.1K
Oper / Emer Reserves	\$357.8K (\$189.2K cash)	\$361.0K
Total Investments	\$802.5K	\$816.2K

- Financials Report – As of 1/31/2024 (compiled from detail reports):

Executive Summary of YTD Operating Income and Expenses

	2024	2023
Operating Income	\$44,707	\$44,237
Unrestricted Memorials	\$25	\$10,096
Total Income	\$44,732	\$54,333
Operating Expenses	\$54,076	\$54,623
Capital Improvements	\$0	\$0
Total Expenses	<u>\$54,076</u>	<u>\$54,623</u>
Net Operating Income	-\$9,344	-\$290
Designated	2024	2023
Income	\$16,002	\$18,074
Expenses	\$8,416	\$15,625
Net Designated Income	\$7,586	\$2,449

Statement of Financial Position:

Total Liabilities and Net Assets as of January 31, 2024:

	2024	2023
	\$1,077,615.81	\$968,275.13

BREd – Glenda Beck – See report in Joint Summary File as sent to Council

- Met this past Sunday.
- Elections were held. Glenda is the Chair, Vanessa Oney is Vice-Chair, Mary Horton is Secretary.
- Working on VBS.
- Easter bags for the children will be assembled.
- The Nursery Attendant position is still open and they are accepting applicants. The position could be shared so that options for an every Sunday schedule are flexible. BREd is covering until someone is hired.

Trustees – Alan Ward

- Alan reported the vinyl ceiling is completed on the pergola. There are minor finishing touches to be completed such as caulking, which should be completed in the next week.
- Landscaping has been completed in the Thrift Shop/Food Pantry parking lot to help drainage problems and deter truck turn arounds and non-church parking.
- Drainage is a big issue and trustees are working with the City to clean the current drain. They are also looking at other options like gravel etc.

Guild – Barb Dohner – See report as sent Council

- Fashion Show tickets are still available and will be sold in the narthex on Sundays.
- Peggy Nash reported the Church Women United meeting March 1st is the World Day of Prayer worship service which is celebrated world-wide. It is at Ward Temple AME Church beginning at 10:00 A.M.

Library – Dianne DeLong

- Little Library is in good shape.
- They discovered a big trove of pictures in the library that they are determining how to organize and store.

Membership – Kathleen Geist-Eskew

- They met this week to help Kathleen get oriented to the job as chair.
- 2 new members joined.

Missions – Gail Swain

- MissionFest will be March 10, 2024. 21 missions plan to attend.

Music –Sherry Oehler – See report as sent to Council

- 3/1/24 This Friday, the Holy Land Trip Choir concert will be at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.
- Wyndbreakers concert – 365 people attended, \$3,570 was collected
- Easter Cantata rehearsals are in full swing.
- Roser Ringers will perform on Palm Sunday and at the 8:30 service on Easter Sunday and are planning a workshop next year in February.
- Roser Youth (RYPA)
 - Plan to sing at the at the 10:00 service on Easter Sunday.
 - May 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm – will perform “Noah & the Rockin Ark”
- Choir Robes have not been used in four years and the Acolyte robes have not been used in six years. The Music Committee recommends to donate the blue adult robes. The Acolyte robes would be stored under BRED’s care.

MOTION by Sherry Oehler to research organizations to donate the blue adult choir robes.

2nd Glenda Beck

MOTION PASSED

Nominating – Darrel Shinn

- **MOTION by Darrel Shinn to approve the nomination of Carol Patterson to the Board of Deacons.**

2nd Sharon Skladany

MOTION PASSED

- There are still two openings on the Board of Finance.

Stephen Ministry - Lorna Smilde-Powers

- Met this month for lunch and planning.
- Offering a CPR class March 18, 2024.
- Working with JOY to offer a class in March on Alzheimer's Disease
- Lorna encouraged all to consider people who might benefit from a Stephen Minister's care.
- GriefShare is in progress.

OLD BUSINESS

- Major Projects Team update
 - Pastor Dirk reviewed the report as sent out to Council. This has been a multi-year process that primarily focused on the stage remodel to give more flexibility and safety. The committee voted 9-2 to recommend to bring their report on the project to Council for further discussion.
 - A comment was made that the remodel would increase storage availability.
 - A question was asked as to length of time the project would take and how the church would operate during construction. Construction would take place during the summer taking about 3-4 months to complete. Services would be held in the Chapel during construction although services could be held in the Sanctuary if necessary.
 - The bidding process was discussed. The longer we wait to begin the process, the more likely the costs will increase due to inflation.
 - How will the congregation receive information about the project so they can make an informed decision about whether they will support it.
 - Financial support and fund-raising from the congregation if the project is to move forward was discussed. Andy DiVries stated he feels the fund-raising will be doable once the congregation approves going forward.
- Bylaws Amendment Seven – Second Reading - as sent out to Council. The first reading occurred at the January 24, 2024 Council meeting.
- The second reading, as explained by Dick Walter, is modestly different than the amendment presented last month due to a clerical error. At the first reading the word "three" was not omitted in the first line of the replacement paragraph for Article IX, "Duties of Appointed Committees". The paragraph now reads; "The committee shall be made up of Roser members ..."
MOTION by Dick Walter that the Roser Council adopt Amendment 7 to the Roser Bylaws as provided this day, was previously noticed on January 24, 2024, and which provides for the reduction in the minimum number of members required for Deacons and Trustees and

replaces all references to “Audit” with “Financial Review”, and further, that such amendments shall be effective immediately on adoption.

2nd Darrel Shinn

MOTION PASSED

NEW BUSINESS – David Cheshire

- Signers – David Cheshire explained the necessity to update the authorized check signers due to changes in elected officers approved at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

David Cheshire moves that Council approve this updated list of check signers for Roser's checking account #35011701 at HancockWhitney Bank:

New:

Sharon Wisniewski, Chair of the Congregation

Richard A. Walter, Vice-Chair of the Congregation

Dale Dohner, Chair of the Board of Finance

Existing:

Gary Hickerson, Treasurer

David Cheshire, Assistant Treasurer

After the New signers are confirmed, then remove approval for these prior church officers.

Cathy Meehan

John Skladany

Jim Bennington

2nd Darrel Shinn

MOTION PASSED

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of Roser Church Council is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2024 online at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn / Prayer: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM. Sharon closed the meeting with prayer.

Minutes submitted by Cass Robertson, Clerk of Council