

**ROSER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
March 27, 2024**

In Attendance: Glenda Beck, Jim Bennington, Beth Bernet, Edna Bomar, David Cheshire, Doug & Dianne DeLong, Dan Divine, Andy DiVries, Kathleen Geist-Eskew, Dick Gilmore, Gary Hickerson, Mary Horton, Jean Knopp, Cathy Meehan, Peggy Nash, Sherry Oehler, Lorna Smilde-Powers, Cass Robertson, Dirk Rodgers, Darrel & Sue Shinn, John & Sharon Skladany, Gail Swain, Ron Vandeman, Dick Walter, Alan Ward, 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 02/27/24**

There were no corrections to the minutes. Minutes were approved as written.

**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

- Thanks to all who worked so hard and participated in the cantata. More people attended this year.
- 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. The Easter egg hunt will follow the 10:00 service/

**Finance – David Cheshire, & Gary Hickerson**

- Gary reported total February income was 59% over budget, YTD 25% over budget, contributions were 20K over 2023. Expenses were also under budget with a net income exceeded budget. A loss of \$30,000 was expected but the actual loss YTD was \$1,068. YTD, net income is below budget. There was an expected loss of \$44,627 but actual YTD loss is \$11,900.
- Total financial assets and investments were about the same as January but up over the prior year.

<u>Investments</u>	<u>2/29/2024</u>	<u>YE 2023</u>
Long-Term Sustaining:	\$461.2K	\$455.1K
Oper / Emer Reserves	<u>\$364.7K</u> (\$154.4K cash)	<u>\$361.0K</u>
Total Investments	\$825.9K	\$816.2K

- Financials Report – As of 2/29/2024 (compiled from detail reports):

Executive Summary of YTD Operating Income and Expenses

	2024	2023
Operating Income	\$118,953	\$94,623
Unrestricted Memorials	\$50	\$15,246
Total Income	\$44,732	\$109,868
Operating Expenses	\$54,076	\$54,623
Capital Improvements	\$0	\$0
Total Expenses	<u>\$54,076</u>	<u>\$124,909</u>
Net Operating Income	<b>-\$9,344</b>	<b>-\$15,040</b>
Designated	2024	2023
Income	\$16,002	\$68,426
Expenses	\$8,416	\$22,899
Net Designated Income	\$7,586	\$45,527

Statement of Financial Position:

Total Liabilities and Net Assets as of February 29, 2024:

2024	2023
\$1,077,051.84	\$965,885.82

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

- A new employee has been provisionally hired as the Nursery Attendant, Lauren Culhane.

**MOTION by Glenda Beck to accept Lauren Culhane as the Nursery Attendant.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Kathleen Geist-Eskew**

**MOTION PASSED**

- VBS is the first week in June; materials are coming in.
- Easter eggs for the Easter hunt were plastic which the children turn in for bags of goodies.
- The pancake breakfast was a success.

**Trustees – Alan Ward**

- Alan spoke to the City regarding the drainage issue. They have indicated they will correct the problem.
- Chapel floor should be repaired and refinished in May. The floor has been in disrepair after some water damage and some boards will be replaced and possibly some structural damage repaired which will be determined when the boards are taken up. They do have some replacement boards. The red carpet will be removed. The cost estimate is \$5000, but could increase depending on the damage found.

**Guild – Peggy Nash** – See report as sent Council

- Peggy Nash reported the Church Women United meeting April 5, 2024 will be hosted by Roser Guild and held in Fellowship Hall. The Thrift Shop will hold special hours that day. Please join them.

**Membership – Kathleen Geist-Eskew**

- Will hold a brain-storming session on recruiting new members.

**Missions – Gail Swain**

- MissionFest: 16 missions attended and are very grateful for Roser support; feedback was positive.
- Giving Challenge: April 9-10, 2024. Most of the Roser missions are participating. Go to GivingChallenge.org to donate. Contributions are matched up to \$100.

**Music –Sherry Oehler – See report as sent to Council**

- 64 people participated in the Cantata.
- The choir and bell ringers will participate in Easter services.
- 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”
- Outreach: the choir will sing at Casa Mora and Brookdale Palma Sola on April 7, 2024.
- Chapel piano is being refurbished, beginning this week to be finished by 4/20/24. Funds are coming from Designated Fund account.
- The Holy Land Choir performed concert 217 attended, with a love offering over \$1000.
- Brandon has completed piano lessons for adults.
- Music directors will attend continuing education sessions in June.
- Considering a Roser Ringer retreat in the next year.

**NEW BUSINESS – David Cheshire**

• **RECOMMENDED AMI GOLF CARTS LEASE AMENDMENT**

- AMIGC has leased space at back of Roser’s South Lot since Dec. 2021 for golf cart storage between weekly rentals
- On-line business with no on-site customers and infrequent delivery / service employee(s) serving Anna Maria and Holmes Beach
- Current lease sufficient for 8 closely spaced, covered carts (most weeks 1 to few on-site)
- Excellent experience with AMIGC; low visibility; pay on time; very pleasant to work with
- Also willing to chip in for truckload of surface gravel, and to volunteer 1/month for Roser work projects
- Due to business growth, request storage space for 12 carts for additional \$12K to new total of \$35.2K/year. No impact on prime space for Thrift Shop, church and community events.
- Amend lease to cover expanded use plus future 3%/yr escalation as simple way to cover inflation and added protections for Roser to match current attorney-approved terms.

**MOTION by David Cheshire that Council approve the recommendation of the Contracts Oversight Team and Executive Committee to amend the property lease agreement with AMI Golf Carts LLC**

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

**MOTION PASSED**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Sanctuary stage remodel
  - Sharon reviewed the documents sent to Council. Members were requested to review the materials carefully, and think about the project, and talk to other members and friends to get their opinions.
  - Jim Bennington reviewed a plan to begin a discussion with the congregation to determine what support there is for the project. If there is support, a plan to move forward and for fund-raising would be determined.
  - Information would be given at Sunday services with Q&A sessions after the services. It was also suggested to have information on the web site and by email and mail, etc.
  - **MOTION by Jim Bennington that Council approve the Major Projects Team recommendation to determine the amount of Congregational support for a major Choir Loft Renovation project as presented.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Dick Gilmore**  
**MOTION PASSED**

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting of Roser Church Council is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2024 online at 7:00 PM.

**Adjourn / Prayer:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM. Sharon closed the meeting with prayer.

Minutes submitted by Cass Robertson, Clerk of Council