

**ROSER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
May 22, 2024**

In Attendance: Glenda Beck, Jim Bennington, Beth Bernet, David Cheshire, Doug & Dianne DeLong, Dan Divine, Barb & Dale Dohner, Kathleen Geist-Eskew, Dick Gilmore, Gary Hickerson, Mary Horton, Jean Knopp, Bill Marini, Cathy Meehan, Peggy Nash, Sherry Oehler, Vanessa Oney, Lorna Smilde-Powers, Cass Robertson, Dirk Rodgers, Darrel & Sue Shinn, Ron Vandeman, Dick Walter, Alan Ward, Sharon Wisniewski, Randy Zion.

CALL TO ORDER: Sharon Wisniewski, Chair of the Congregation, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The meeting was held in person at Roser Church & remotely by Zoom.

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

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES from 03/27/24 & 4/24/2024

There was a typo-O in the minutes from 3/27/24: the name of the new Nursery Attendant was misspelled. This was corrected. There were no corrections to the minutes from 4/24/2024. The minutes from 2/24/24 were approved as published.

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

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

- Thank you to the Trustees: Alan and Bill and all who finished the floor in the Chapel.
- A wedding and funeral was held in the newly remodeled Chapel this past week-end.
- Noah's Rockin' Ark was a great event and they also presented at Palma Sola Brookdale Long Term Care Facility

Board of Finance - Gary Hickerson, David Cheshire, Darrel Shinn

- Gary reported income & expenses for April were both below budgeted deficit, with decreased expenses more than offset decreased income for a net increase for the month and YTD.
- Assets for the month of April were down from April, but YTD we are above 2023 YTD.
- Schwab investments are up since the end of April.
- Darrel Shinn asked BOF for permission to spend \$1000 for the Deacons for their new Meet & Greet program after Sunday services. The funds will come out of Outreach.
- David explained the new BOF table on "How We're Doing" sent to Council in the Joint Financial File.
 - Attendance is up 10% last year, despite being one less Sunday for this year.
 - Income has exceeded expenses by \$18,000 YTD.
 - Mission giving has been very well funded by the congregation.
 - Food Pantry has received \$12,600 from worship contributions and the public.

• **Financial Report – As of 4/30/2024 (compiled from detail reports):**

	4/30/2024	YE 2023
Operating	2024 YTD	2023 YTD
Total Operating Income	\$251,431	\$233,240
Operating Expenses	\$233,741	\$246,682
Capital Improvements	\$ 0	\$2,400
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>\$233,741</u>	<u>\$249,082</u>
NET operating income	\$17,690	-\$15,841
Designated		
Income	\$69,720	\$81,691
Expenses	<u>\$72,235</u>	<u>\$59,208</u>
Net Designated Income	-\$2,515	\$22,483
<u>Total Liabilities & Net Assets</u>	<u>\$1,110,086.85</u>	<u>\$971,767.80</u>
Long-Term Sustaining:	\$480.7k	\$455.1k
Oper / Emer Reserves	<u>\$373.9k</u> (\$154.4K cash)	<u>\$361.0k</u>
	\$854.6k	\$816.2k

BREd - Glenda Beck

- Getting ready for Vacation Bible School. Registrations are coming in daily
- RYPA will sing this Sunday for the Children’s Message.
- No campership scholarships have been requested yet.

Trustees – Alan Ward

- Special thanks to Edna Bomar, Gail Travis, and Donna Pope for their support of refinishing the Chapel floor, and also to Bill, Dale, Jay, Matt, and Charles for their support and help on the refurbish.

Bylaws & Policy Committee - Dick Walter

- **MOTION by Dick Walter from the Bylaws & Policy Committee** to amend the Roser Policy Manual to reflect the Bylaw amendments adopted on February 28, 2024 replacing references of “Audit” with “Financial Review” we are proposing:
 - 1. Policy P70 be amended by replacing the first sentence of item 7. with “Cooperate with those conducting the Annual Financial Review.”
 - 2. Policy P80 be amended to replace “Audit” in line two of paragraph one with “Financial Review”, and in item 2. replacing “audit” with “review”.

2nd Cathy Meehan

Motion Passed

Food Pantry – Sharon Wisniewski

- For April, they distributed 87 bags of groceries, for March 39 bags were distributed. \$3900 was spent on SRFP Publix cards for both April and May.
- The Blessing Box is doing well.

Guild – Barb Dohner – See report as sent Council

- There will be no meetings until next fall.
- Barb thanked Peggy Buck and Peggy Nash for scheduling Thrift Shop volunteers.
- The Thrift Shop is doing well and lots of donations are coming in. They need more help, especially in the summer and they need people who are willing to work outdoors in the Annex. Men are especially appreciated to work in the Annex.
- The Thrift Shop will be closed in August for cleaning and organizing. They will re-open 9/10/24.

Library – Dianne DeLong

- The Little Free Library is doing well. They appreciate all the donations coming in as the books don't come back.

Membership – Kathleen Geist-Eskew

- Brain-storming session. They have many good ideas to work with. These will be shared with Council.
- They would like another person to join the committee to help analyze and help implement the suggestions from the brainstorming session.
- There was a suggestion to establish a "Pagoda Committee" to initiate and implement new ideas.

Missions – Vanessa Oney

- They are focusing on working with Roser associated organizations to support kids for summer camp. A lot of kids get saved at camp.

Music – Sherry Oehler

- RYPA had a great turnout for "Noah & the Rockin' Ark" which had 154 in the audience and 25 cast members. They thanked Holy Cow Ice Cream in Holmes Beach for donating ice cream for the event.
 - Outreach: The group sang at Palma Sola Brookdale Long Term Care Facility.
 - They had a pizza social in Fellowship Hall
- Extended Outreach - one Bell Choir member has initiated a Bell Choir in their church in Michigan and another Bell Choir member has found a church in Cincinnati where she will ring bells while up north.
- Pianos were tuned in the Sanctuary, Chapel, & Fellowship Hall.
- They are working on the 2025 Concert Series. They will be on Tuesdays 1/28/25, 2/25/25, 3/18/25. They are also considering an outdoor concert in the fall.
- Sherry thanked Bill for his good communication during the chapel refurbishment.
- Craig will have a medical procedure in June and will be on leave.
- They have planned the schedule through the summer and to cover music needs during Craig's leave and vacations.

Stewardship – Sharon Wisniewski for Andy DiVries

- They are excited to get into fund-raising for the church and to support the future of the church.

Pastor Dirk prayed for the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Sanctuary stage remodel
 - Sharon reported they have received 99 surveys. The results of survey showed 88 (90%) of respondents support the project, 11 did not. 72 would support the project financially.
 - A Q&A session was held with a lot of discussion and they received several more positive surveys after that.
 - **MOTION BY CATHY MEEHAN that based on the strong results of the survey, to authorize the Stewardship committee to form a team to begin fundraising for \$250,000 of contributions and commitments over the next 3 years in support of the sanctuary remodel project. This will verify that sufficient funds are available should we decide to enter a contract at the appropriate time.**
2nd Glenda Beck
MOTION PASSED – a count was made of individual votes by person.
 - 19 Yes**
 - 3 No**
 - 3 Abstain**
 - Follow-up will be by Stewardship Committee. In addition, the alternative plan will be discussed at next month's meeting.
- The You Tube video of the Q&A was removed from the front page of the web site but it is still available for anyone to view upon request. It was removed from that page because it was a congregational meeting, not a public meeting. Also, if people have questions, they should let any member of the New Projects Team know their concerns or questions.

NEW BUSINESS

- Hybrid meetings will be held next month – Either at church or Zoom. Members were encouraged to come in person if able.
- Sharon acknowledged that questions about the Sanctuary remodel and asked members to reach out to her or other members of the Major Projects Team with comments, questions, and concerns.
- Sharon asked that members think about what Roser's vision should look like.

Adjourn / Prayer: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM. Sharon closed the meeting with prayer, referencing Col 3:12-15: Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of Roser Church Council is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 7:00 PM in-person in the Fellowship Hall classroom or on-line.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cass Robertson, Clerk of Council