

**Holy Covenant MCC  
Board Meeting  
April 27, 2017**

- I: Meeting call to order: 6:53 pm  
Present: Martha Daniels, Tom Menard, Barbara Adams-Latsaras, Steve Marz;  
Bruce Myers regrets.
- II: Opening Prayer – Tom Menard
- III: Check in – How is everybody? All well but tired
- IV: Approval of the Agenda – Steve Marz  
Barb moved to accept, Tom seconded, all approved
- V: Approval of March Board Minutes – Steve Marz  
Tom moved to accept, Steve seconded, all approved
- VI: Reports
- A. Clerk's Report (verbal) – Steve Marz  
35 members  
Martha will ask Ian to name tags and Membership Cull list
- B. Treasurer's Report – Bruce Myers  
In Bruce's absence, we had a discussion about the Church's finances.  
Tom is appalled that we have no back-up financial support. We need to  
create a plan for the church to have reserves, as well as the need to actually  
establish those reserves, not only for emergencies or capital needs, but also  
for overall church fiscal stability. We also discussed a history of how the  
reserves that had been in place have dwindled over the past few years as  
membership and donations have declined. It was suggested that we send via  
regular mail, NOT email, a real letter to everyone in the address list,  
explaining just how bad the situation is, asking for any help. This should be  
done in a very thoughtful and intentional manner. We did NOT decide who  
would/should take care of this letter.
- VII: Continued Items
- A. Buildings and Grounds –  
May 6<sup>th</sup> will be the Grounds Day with a potluck lunch to be served after.  
Alarm – Tom is waiting to hear from Bruce about ADT contract info.  
HVAC – We have had one estimate from Philco, for \$11,100. We are  
reaching out to Hayes Mechanical and Shavitz for estimates also. The price

must include efficiency and warranty. Go Fund Me? Martha has asked the local clerical community for advice, financing ideas – no replies yet. Project list needs to be updated; snow removal off, lawn mowing on.

- B. Drag Queen Bingo  
Last DBQ raised \$880.  
Next DBQ scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>, if Marge and Topher agree. Martha will run it.
- C. UFMCC News -  
Sending out a statement on immigrant networking.
- D. Strategic Planning—  
Greg Clark has joined the committee, but is leaving the worship team.  
Looking to access the “Guiding Documents” from 2006, last time HCMCP had a Strategic Planning Session.
- E. Social Media Coordinator –  
New Website up and running, needs a few tweaks. Barb had to pay \$20 to get back rights to our domain name, and another \$14.95 to move our domain name to the new website.  
Anonymous donor has given \$100 towards a new mike for Martha. Barb will be looking into this.
- F. Pastor’s Notes –
  - a. Worship  
Next Lenten Season we will definitely do joint services with Faith Lutheran (the elusive Thad) for Holy Thursday and Good Friday – attendance was not great at this year’s services.
  - b. Pastoral Care  
Mary Ann Der Zimmerman will be preaching and offering Communion on May 7 and May 21 for Martha.
  - c. Education  
Rachelle would like Martha to help work on ministry to the church for anti-racism.  
The Ministerium will take part in the Pet Parade on June 3, in LaGrange. They also want to do a joint ministry on the Sunday during the Summer Festival in LaGrange – “Altogether Under the Sun”
  - d. Continuing Education  
Martha would like to use the month of August to focus on making new resources for the Narrative Liturgy used by many churches. More discussion at next BOD Meeting.
  - e. Community  
Ian’s Evaluation – Martha will meet with him on Tuesday, May 2, for his six- month review. Tom brought up the radical notion of evaluating the Board Members, to be done by Martha.
- G. Spiritual Guidance (Mary Ann Latsaras)  
Steve moved to accept Mary Ann’s plan, Tom seconded, all approved with Barb recusing herself – all contingent on Mary Ann paying the additional insurance cost (\$13).

### VIII: New Business

- A. Ratification of vote to purchase and install new sump pump  
Tom moved to accept, Martha seconded, all approved.
- B. Possible piano Donation (photos attached to email)  
Conclusion is no, but thank you very much for the offer.  
Martha will contact the donor.
- C. Aging Options program (possible partnership with Faith Lutheran)  
A six week program on aging, in possible partnership with Faith Lutheran,  
mostly nutrition and health oriented – no cost  
Consensus is “yes”
- D. Tax Exemption Responsibility  
Now and forever, let it be known that the Treasurer of Holy Covenant MCC is  
responsible for gaining and updating Tax Exemption Status for the Church.
- E. Pastoral Evaluation  
Tom proposes that we evaluate Martha in June ( one year in position)  
There is an evaluation form on the MCC site.  
Tabled until May Board Meeting.
- F. No Hate Yard Signs  
Steve moved that Holy Covenant purchase up to 10 “No Hate” yard signs for  
resale to congregants. Barb seconded, all approved. Martha will contact  
Indivisible LG/LGP about availability of signs and arrange the purchase.

Closing Prayer – Barbara Adams-Latsaras

Meeting adjourned at; 8:55 pm