

# Holy Covenant MCC Board Minutes

## April 2019

- I: Meeting called to order: 7:03 pm  
Present: Martha Daniels, Barbara Adams Latsaras, Joanie Baird, Sue Calahan  
Regrets: Roxann Victory (working)  
Guests:
- II: Opening Prayer – Sue Calahan
- III: Check in – Martha signed lease to stay another year. Was sick but feeling better. Sue Calahan knee and foot is hurting as she needs shots in her knee. Joanie same as previous month, still working. Barbara is okay.
- IV: Approval of the Agenda – Barbara Adams Latsaras
- Sue motion to accept the agenda, Joanie Baird 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- V: Approval of March 2019 Board Minutes - Barbara Adams Latsaras
- Motion to approve the minutes by Joanie, seconded by Martha, all in favor.
- VI: Reports
- A. Clerk's Report (verbal) – Barbara Adams Latsaras
- We are holding at 24 members – will look at membership at a later date
- B. Treasurer
1. In March we had a surplus of about \$600 due to the DQ Bingo, so even after paying all March bills we ended Mar with close to \$5000 cash in the bank.
  2. However, our April MTD income is only about \$1200, since we cancelled the DQ Bingo. Even if we get \$750 more over the next two weeks, we will still be about \$1700 short of our budget. But due to the carryover from March, all April bills are paid except the Com Ed and Nicor bills, which are not due until 5/5/19.
  3. I am still including enough in the Cash Requirements to pay Ian at least one month's wages, but if we paid it now, we only would have about \$100 at the end of the month. so I think we will have to hold off at least until May to pay him anything.
  4. In the long run, we usually have the Spring Garage Sale in May, the Spring Dance is coming up in early May, and the DQ Bingo at the end of May, which will help rebuild our finances.
  5. Unusual items in Mar bills:
    - a. We had a Church Mutual bill included in March expenses \$465, but it was paid in April
    2. Nicor was still high about \$160. I have not received the April bill yet.
- Motion to accept Clerk & Treasure reports – Sue motions,  
Barbara 2<sup>nd</sup>'s, all approve

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- A. Signatures Update – Sue to go sign signature card
- B. Tithes Update - I paid the 7% assessment on the Mar 2019 income about \$260, and the approx. \$100 payment on 2018 assessments, for a total of about \$360 for both years combined which was paid in April. Will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this Sunday for Easter.

### C. Pastor's Notes

#### **Worship**

Rev. Mary Ann Dier-Zimmerman will be our supply pastor for April 28 and July 21, Rev. Nilsa Irizarry will be here June 9.

Good Friday is April 19. The community service will be at Emmanuel Episcopal in La Grange, at 7 pm. Easter Sunday is April 21.

I am starting to plan for summer worship, including a sermon series.

#### **Pastoral Care**

I responded to various prayer requests, either privately or via the community prayers on Sunday. I continue to support the two men in Cook County Jail via prayers, court support, visits, letters, and phone calls.

#### **Social Action Ministry**

We continue as usual with Share Food Share Love. We have been approached by AgeOptions about a support group for LGBT seniors, which the Board will vote on tonight. We will host BEDS June 24 – 30. More details on that will be coming soon

#### **Administration**

I will be out of town taking a few days off to visit friends April 24 - 27. I will also be gone July 19 - 21 for my niece's wedding in Boston.

In November, I plan to go on a writing retreat, Friday November 1- Sunday, November 3. This will mean rescheduling the Congregational meeting, which is on the agenda to discuss. I will probably also take a weekend or so in September. I will be in town for Christmas this year, as Ben and Caitlin are planning to be here.

#### **Community Outreach**

The Widening the Circle group showed "Don't Get Sick After June," an exploration of the Indian Health Service, on Friday, April 12. Turnout for this series continues to be fairly high (c.30 for this one). The movie in May will be "Accidental Courtesy," the story of the friendship between a black jazz musician and a KKK member, on Friday, May 10.

There are several events in the community—I post the flyers as they are available.

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I would recommend that anyone who can take the Mental Health First Aid class—it's free, and takes place Saturday, May 4; Wednesday, May 8, or Saturday, May 18—all from 8 - 5. A session focused on youth mental health will be available Wednesday, May 22, 8 – 5 pm. They are sponsored by NAMI (DuPage and Metro Suburban) and Community Memorial Foundation.

### **MCC**

The nominees for Moderator and for the Governing Board have participated in webinars to allow MCC members to learn more about them. The recordings are available on the MCC website for those interested.

Motion to accept Pastor's report – Barbara motions, Joanie 2<sup>nd</sup>'s, all approve

### VIII: Continued Items

#### A. Buildings and Grounds –

- The alarm company will be out to test the alarm on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am.
- Sue and Karen cleaned the church with a volunteer named Maureen to gain credit for service due.
- Church clean-up on 5/18 10am to 2pm with lunch. Cleaning to be done inside and outside the church. Flower donations accepted to plant outside. Bring a bucket, gardening tools, weed killer etc. is needed.
- Sue to talk with Holly about the clothes in the garage

#### B. Fundraising

- Church dance is scheduled for 5/4
- HamBingo will be at Hamburger Mary's in Oak Park on Sunday 5/26 at 7 pm with Roxann being the lead.
- Barbara to contact TJ with future dates selected for HamBingo are 6/23 with 2<sup>nd</sup> choice May – 5/19 with 5/26 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, 7/14 or 7/21 or 7/28, 8.11 or 8/18 or 8/25
- Garage sale – 6/22

#### C. UFMCC News

- Nothing new.

#### D. Social Media Coordinator

- All sermons are active on the website, continuing to update the pages with new information
- Motion to purchase HC postcards for handouts. Sue motioned, Roxann 2<sup>nd</sup>. Joanie abstained. Voting was done via email.

#### E. Revitalization

- Discussion on changing the name of the church – encourages people to see church in new light. The Board supports discussing it, but no decision has been made.
- Talk will occur at Congregational Conversation and to get ideas about names.
- Vote on new church name at Congregational Forum in November 2019

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- F. Aurora Pride Parade – June 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Application fee \$25 moved to approve the payment Barbara, Sue 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. General discussion about giveaways and new banner for the parade.
- G. AgeOptions Request
  - Vote to approve to share space with AgeOptions, Subject to our schedules. Motion to approve by Joanie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue. All in favor.
- H. Copier Contract –
  - Old copier contract cancelled – cannot find contract for Toshiba copier. Fix at our expense.
- I. Administrative Tasks
  - Martha to contact Ian about dropping off paper for copier and for his time sheets.
- J. Cemetery Plots in Lemont
  - First month of advertising them received no hits.
- K. Servant Keeper & Realm
  - Emailed a note to everyone about voting on Realm verses Servant Keeper. Which to purchase. Decided on Realm for \$30 a month with a \$79 set-up fee. Will discuss further in May meeting.
- L. Bomba Socks
  - Started to giveaway the socks. The woman's shelter in Palos received 125 pairs of socks and Share Food, Share Love received 200 pairs of socks. We received 1K pairs.

### IX: New Business

- A. Bed Request for June 24-30
  - Beds has requested HC to be available the week of June 24-30. Joanie moved to approve and Sue 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.
- B. Congregational Meeting
  - Meeting set for Nov 10, 2019
- C. Quickbooks Upgrade
  - Joanie asked about upgrading Quickbooks. Through them it is \$300 but we could purchase Quickbooks from Costco for less or for the online version for \$30 a month. Will continue to discuss in May.
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IX: Executive Session if needed (closed)  
None

Move to end meeting at 9:55pm

Closing prayer: Barbara Adams Latsaras