

Holy Covenant MCC Board Minutes – August 2017

- I: Meeting call to order: 6:55
Present: Martha, Tom, Bruce, Barb, Steve
Regrets:
Guests:
- II: Opening Prayer – Tom Menard
- III: Check in – all okay; Martha is thankful for an alt-left congregation
- IV: Approval of the Agenda – Steve Marz
Barb moved to accept, Bruce seconded, all approved
- V: Approval of July Board Minutes – Steve Marz
Tom moved to accept, Bruce seconded, all approved
- VI: Reports**
- A. Clerk's Report (verbal) – Steve Marz**
35, holding steady
- B. Treasurer's Report – Bruce Myers**
Things are dire, Bruce had to borrow from designated funds to meet payroll.
Tom moved that we do a short financial presentation to the congregation Sunday covering all financial aspects – Boiler/HVAC, Financials, Beds Plus – Tom will lead the conversation. Steve seconded, all approved
- VII: Continued Items**
- A. Buildings and Grounds**
New alarm has been installed; ADT and AT&T informed that they are both cancelled; Fire extinguishers inspected; Fall Clean-up for Building & Grounds – Tom will check his calendar and set a date.
HVAC – Tom checked all bidders out on Better Business Bureau (all are approved by BBB)
We went over all bids again; Tom recommends Four Seasons
- They guarantee parts and labor for five years, their charges have dropped to \$5405 (due to rebates)
 - They are open to financing as follows:
 - 2 years (\$5886 - \$245 per month)
 - 3 years (5964 – 165 per month)
 - 4 years(6211 – 129 per month)
 - 5 years (6458 – 107 per month)
- If we pay cash, cost would be \$5405.
Tom moved that we accept their offer and pay cash; Bruce seconded; all approved.

Tom will contact Four Seasons to get a contract, Steve (as clerk) will sign contract on Sunday; we will proceed from there.

Tom has offered to be present at the church for the installation

The Board all thank Tom for all his work on this project!!!

B. Drag Queen Bingo

Tom will check with Topher, Barb will clear date with Marge at the bar; if no one else steps forward, Bruce may coordinate

C. UFMCC News

Retreats are proceeding all over the place

UFMCC sent out a survey on preparation for Nominating Committee

D. Strategic Planning

Martha says we need to stay on it

E. Social Media Coordinator

Barb will update GoFundMe Page to reflect that though we have made enough to fund the boiler, we still need to raise funds for the air conditioner.

Update will also reflect our gratitude to all donors

F. Pastor's Notes

- a. Community worship on August 6 went well, with 400 attendees from all churches involved.
- b. There will be an inter-church vigil on Sunday for Virginia and Barcelona
- c. There will be a Community Service for Thanksgiving at the Second Baptist Church in Brookfield on the Sunday before Thanksgiving
- d. Martha continues her work on Narrative Liturgies
- e. Pastoral Care – Prayer chain (email/telephone has been established); Martha and Bruce will work together on Stewardship
- f. Chicago Area MCC Clergy Group met at Church for Me – next meeting will be at Holy Covenant on September 11
- g. Martha will be on vacation from 9/6 through 9/10; Bruce will preach on 9/10
- h. Social Action Ministry met, had a conversation about the Beds Plus plan – they really want Holy Covenant to participate in this project.
- i. Hunger Walk will be on 9/16 at Hyde Park for Share Food/Share Love
- j. September Loaves & Fishes will be designated for Share Food/Share Love (9/10)

G. BEDS Plus

After final discussion, Tom moved that we thank them for the offer to participate, but that we pass on this project for this year. Bruce seconded.

Martha, Tom, Bruce and Steve approved

Barb voted against the motion. Motion was passed

VIII: New Business

A. Congregational Meeting

Congregational Meeting slated for November 19.

1) By Law Changes

Proposed By-law changes are due by October 5. At present we are proposing to change the number of Board Members from 5 to 6 (including the pastor)

We also propose that candidates for the Board must be a Member for 6 months before they can run for the Board.

2) Board Elections

Tom, Bruce and Steve are all finishing their terms, and four Board positions will be open, with the expectation that the by-law changes are approved.

Applications are due by September 29.

Terms will be staggered – 2 positions will be for 2 years, and 2 will be for 1 year

Schedule is as follows:

September 24 – Post Board Openings

September 29 – Applications due to committee

October 5 – Proposed By-law changes due

November 12 – Public Forum – Prospective new Board members present themselves to the congregation; Board presents proposed by-law changes to congregation

November 19 – Vote will be taken first on by-law changes (which will go into effect immediately); Then, Board Member election will be held.

NB – Voters on both by-law proposals and Board members must be members of Holy Covenant MCC.

IX: Executive Session (Closed)

Closing Prayer – Bruce Myers

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.