

Holy Covenant MCC Board Minutes

December 2018

- I: Meeting called to order: 7:27 pm
Present: Martha Daniels, Barbara Adams Latsaras, Joanie Baird, Sue Calahan, Roxann Victory
Regrets:
Guests:
- II: Opening Prayer – Barbara Adams Latsaras
- III: Check in: Barbara not feeling well, Sue’s hip hurting, Roxann is okay and Joanie is working.
- IV: Approval of the Agenda – Barbara Adams Latsaras
- Another way besides PayPal to accept money
 - Motion to approve the revised agenda by Joanie Baird, seconded by Sue Calahan all in favor.
- V: Approval of November 2018 Board Minutes - Barbara Adams Latsaras
- Motion to approve the minutes by Joanie, seconded by Barbara, all in favor.
- VII: Reports
- A. Clerk’s Report (verbal) – Barbara Adams Latsaras
- We are holding at 24 members
- B. Treasurer
- Increase in December giving helped to meet all December bills
 - Insurance due in February
 - Personnel payroll will be paid in full for January.
 - Discussing in January assessment when Joanie talks to Marina.
 - Pension paid up for December
- Motion to accept Clerk & Treasure reports – Sue motions, Roxann 2nds, all approve
- VIII: Continued Items
- A. Buildings and Grounds
- Sue to fix the railing this week
 - Put up towel dispensers
- B. Fundraising
- Tabled until January.
 - Barbara to contact for HamBingo at Hamburger Mary’s
- C. UFMCC News
- Nothing new. UFMCC working on getting nominations for Moderator

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D. Social Media Coordinator

- We received 84 views of sermons – live and watching later
- Change Martha's picture on webstie
- Post Roxann's picture and biography on website

E. Pastor's Notes

Worship

I am in the final stages of planning for December worship, including a healing service on December 30. Rev-elect Nilsa Irizarry will be leading worship on Sunday, January 6, while I am gone for continuing education. I have not heard back for certain about the 13th, but will confirm that by the end of this week.

Social Action

SAM's Black and Pink holiday card party was a success. About 15 people stayed after church on the 9th to decorate the postcards and write messages of support. We sent out 20 postcards to LBGTBS.

Holly and I met with Sandy Giza on November 27. Holly and I offered help from Holy Covenant with the pickup of supplies and donations for Pilsen, since Mary and Sandy feel that the interaction on the Monday nights is the most rewarding and "fun" and they find the pickup and cooking of the meal the most challenging. Holly volunteered to go and work with them on December 10, but ultimately was unable to do so, because of car trouble. Apparently, Sandy and Mary are uncertain if they will continue, as there has been some friction between them and the Night Ministry. We have asked for more frequent communication so that we (Holy Covenant/SAM) will know more about how we can help and can report back to the congregation about what is happening with them.

You will all have seen the announcements about SAM's Christmas projects. Gifts are due by this Thursday, so they can be distributed on Saturday.

Pastoral Care

I've been reminded (again) that pastoral care extends beyond the congregation to the community—people I meet in the waiting room when I make jail visits, in the various community settings/groups, even at concerts or meetings or when I'm having coffee, and someone recognizes me. This is another way Holy Covenant serves the community—my presence in the community!

UFMCC

No news to report here.

Community

No one has stepped up to represent Holy Covenant in the Expanding the Circle program, so we will just have to withdraw from active participation in that. I will help with facilitating the February program, since that topic is LGBTQ youth.

The clergy group has decided to move to meeting at each other's churches/ministry settings, as a more private/hospitable location. Conversation is easier and better, we have found.

Indivisible is on a bit of break for the holidays.

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Other

Pints with the Pastor is on a break for the holidays. It will resume on Monday, January 14, 2019. Continuing Education: I will be gone from Saturday, January 5 through Sunday, January 13. I will have substitute worship leaders for Sunday, January 6—Rev-Elect Nilsa Irizarry—and for Sunday, January 13 (hopefully Rev. Jason Lydon, but he has not confirmed yet). In case of pastoral emergency—hospitalization, etc.—the Board can contact Rev. Jennie Kitch. She is willing to fill in as needed. Barb—please change voicemail forwarding to your email (since Sue will also be out of town). I will put a vacation notice on my email, with the church's phone number as the number to call.

Spiritual advocacy continues. The next court date is January 23.

Regarding the grant, I have a tentative calendar set up for 2019, which I will post when we have a church calendar set up. My office at home is pretty much set up, which will let me focus on the grant. I will be doing all grant work from home.

My plan for January looks something like this:

- Jan 1 Holiday
- Jan 2 Holy Covenant
- Jan 3 Spiritual Advocacy Day (SA Day = Grant Day)
- Jan 4 Holy Covenant
- Jan 5 – 13 To FL for Continuing Education
- Jan 14 Off; Pints with the Pastor 6 – 8 pm
- Jan 15 and 16 Holy Covenant
- Jan 17 SA Day; BoD 7 pm
- Jan 18 SAGE
- Jan 21 MLK Day Holiday (Office closed)
- Jan 22 Holy Covenant
- Jan 23 Off/Court Day
- Jan 24 SA Day
- Jan 25 Holy Covenant
- Jan 26 Nilsa Irizarry Ordination 1 pm
- Jan 27 Congregational Conversation
- Jan 28 Off; Pints with the Pastor 6 – 8 pm
- Jan 29 -30 Holy Covenant
- Jan 31 SA Day

F. Revitalization

- We will be meeting 12/20/18 with leader. Will continue after the new year.

G. Tithe discussion with UFMCC and Joanie Baird

- Tabled until January 2019

H. AT& T NetTalk

- Discontinued our phone line with AT&T but using them for Internet.
- Using NetTalk for phone only.

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VIII: New Business

- A. Dealing with Disruptions in Worship – Moved to Executive Session
- B. Venmo – discussion for January 2019
- C. Impact of Rev. Martha's Louisville Institute Grant

Out of regular Board meeting at 8:52

IX: Executive Session if needed (closed) started at 8:40 pm moved by Barbara 2nd by Roxann

- A. Dealing with Disruptions in Worship – General discussion should there be any disruptions during service how to handle them.
- B. General discussion on personnel issues
- C. General discussion on Pastor Contract and signing of contract
- D. Roxann was given a key to the building
- E. Executive Meeting adjourned – 9:07 pm

Closing prayer: Roxann Victory