

# Holy Covenant MCC Board Minutes

## January 2019

- I: Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm  
Present: Martha Daniels, Barbara Adams Latsaras, Joanie Baird, Sue Calahan via Skype, Roxann Victory  
Regrets:  
Guests:
- II: Opening Prayer – Rev. Martha Daniels
- III: Check in: Sue in Florida, Barbara, Roxann and Joanie are okay. Martha still getting her earth feet.
- IV: Approval of the Agenda – Barbara Adams Latsaras
- Motion to approve the agenda by Joanie Baird, seconded by Sue Calahan-all in favor
- V: Approval of December 2018 Board Minutes - Barbara Adams Latsaras
- Motion to approve the minutes by Joanie, seconded by Roxann, all in favor.
- VII: Reports
- A. Clerk's Report (verbal) – Barbara Adams Latsaras
- We are holding at 24 members
- B. Treasurer
- Caught up with bills
  - Pilsen paid out of their funds
  - Personnel payroll will be paid in full for February.
  - Waiting on Ian to submit his hours
    - a. Signatures Update  
PNC will send us a signature card for us to sign and return so all Board members are on the card to sign checks.
    - b. Tithes  
Joanie has talked to Marina from the UFMCC regarding paying back our tithes. Marina sent us a contract which we will counter with another figure to start paying back the funds. Barbara motioned to have Joanie go back to Marina and negotiate the repayment to be extended to 2 or more years. Roxann 2<sup>nd</sup> and all were in favor.  
  
Motion to accept Clerk & Treasure reports – Sue motions, Roxann 2<sup>nd</sup>'s, all approve
- C. Pastor's Notes
- Worship**  
Planning continues for the rest of winter, especially Lent. I am planning on a worship team meeting in early February to plan Lent and Easter worship. Our supply pastor for February 10 will be Rev. Jason Lydon—he was here in October, and well received. Our next healing service will be March 31. Ash Wednesday is March 6; Good Friday is April 19. The community service will be at Emmanuel Episcopal in La Grange, further details will be forthcoming. Easter is 4/21

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### **Pastoral Care**

Pastoral care ministry meets every other month. Karen Calahan is sending out e-cards for holidays, and I assume for birthdays as well. The clergy group has decided to mix meeting at our churches—which makes discussion easier—with meeting at local restaurants—which raises our profile in the community and makes us more approachable. This is part of pastoral care, too. I continue to be approached by community members for care and conversations—and this is part of Holy Covenant's ministry, too. I continue to support the two men in Cook County Jail as their case progresses glacially through the system. Please continue to pray for them, their families, the whole situation, and their public defenders (the latter are working very hard with very limited resources for far less than they could earn in private practice; they are talented and dedicated to this work and I admire them greatly).

### **Social Action Ministry**

We continue as usual with Share Food Share Love. Holly Blonde and I will be communicating with Mary about Pilsen and their plans. Black and Pink usually host other holiday card parties as well—Valentine's Day, for example—and we will be looking into participating in those. Thank you to all those who donated for the Christmas party—it was much appreciated!

### **Administration**

Revitalization team will be meeting soon. I had a meeting with the cohort today.

### **Continuing Education**

I have completed my required hours for this year—we had 20 contact hours, and 9 are required by UFMCC...to bad they don't carry over to next year.

The seminar was well worth it—the book is well worth a read, and accessible, even if you aren't a scholar. Womanist Midrash, by Wilda Gafney—it's available on amazon and other sites, in ebook as well as print, and has been out long enough that there are used copies available too (it's \$28 new—unfortunately, religious publishing houses charge a lot!). We had 63 of us in the group, black and white and interracial, from the US, UK, and Canada, from several denominations (Presbyterians, United Church of Christ/Canada, Unitarians, United Methodists, Church of Scotland, Episcopalians/Anglicans, AME/AMEZion, Baptists...and me, the lone MCC-er). The cruise itself was not bad—it was my first, so I didn't have anything to compare it to, although I found the dinner beverage service to be way too slow and the dinners to be OK (other meals were very good). We had one very bad incident in which members of our group experienced racism and misogyny—I detailed that in an email to the Board—which makes it unlikely that RevGals will book another event with Carnival again. This is not due to the incident itself—bad as it was—but to the way it was handled (or not handled, actually).

Next year, it will be in Tampa, and will be shorter (five days at a retreat center), and therefore I expect a bit less costly! I am considering it as my CE for next year.

### **Community Outreach**

The Widening the Circle group had the first movie viewing, of The Long Shadow. Small group discussions will be held the next few Fridays at First UMC of LaGrange. The next movie will be on February 8, The Year We Thought About Love, which is LGBTQ themed. It will be shown at Lyons Township High School (South Campus). We will discuss it in a large group afterwards, with several facilitators from the community (including myself).

There are several community events coming up that may be of interest to the congregation—I will give Ian the info for the bulletin. One that I will include in the announcements is a showing of the HBO movie "King in the Wilderness" on Sunday, January 20, at 3 pm at Nazareth Academy on Ogden Ave. It's a free showing by the Caring Place, Second Baptist Church, and

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several other organizations in La Grange/Brookfield. There's also an MLK prayer breakfast Monday the 21st at 10 am.

### **MCC**

Nothing much to report here. They are still looking for people who would like to serve on the Governing Board and nominees for Moderator.

### VIII: Continued Items

#### A. Buildings and Grounds

- Sue to fix the railing when she returns
- Put up towel dispensers when Sue returns
- Sue would like a list of what needs to be done at the church for when she returns

#### B. Fundraising

- Church dance is scheduled for 5/4
- HamBingo will be at Hamburger Mary's in Oak Park on Tuesday on 2/12 at 8 pm with Barbara running it and on Sunday, 3/24 at 7 pm with Roxann in charge.

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#### C. UFMCC News

- Nothing new. UFMCC working on getting nominations for Moderator

#### D. Social Media Coordinator

- All sermons are active on the website

#### E. Revitalization

- Tabled until February 2019

### VIII: New Business

Out of regular Board meeting at 8:27 pm

### IX: Executive Session if needed (closed)

No Executive meeting was held

Closing prayer: Joanie Baird