

**Holy Covenant MCC  
Board Meeting  
June 15, 2017**

- I: Meeting call to order: 7 pm  
Present: Martha, Tom, Barb, Steve  
Regrets: Bruce  
Guests: Tina Rounds, Laura Cleveland
- II: Opening Prayer – Tom Menard
- III: Check in – all are well; Martha expressed great pride in the Pastoral Care Committee – Jim Ulisi’s partner was hospitalized, and everyone rallied around to pray for his health – he is now home
- IV: Approval of the Agenda – Steve Marz  
Tom moved to accept; Barb seconded; unanimous approval
- V: Approval of May Board Minutes – Steve Marz  
Steve moved to accept; Tom seconded; unanimous approval
- VI. Proposal from BEDS Plus re: Holy Covenant as Tuesday night site (see documents sent earlier) -- Tina Rounds, Executive Director, BEDS Plus  
Tina Rounds gave a fifteen minute presentation about the beds Plus Program in general, and what they are hoping for from Holy Covenant.. They are seeking to use Holy Covenant’ premises as a men’s only shelter from October through May on Tuesday nights. Beds Plus would supply and prepare dinner, using their own kitchen supplies (pots, pans, etc) in our kitchen. The men would be fed dinner downstairs (Beds Plus would supply all dishes, utensils, etc.). Upstairs the chairs and altar would be moved and sleeping mats would be laid on the floor, for the men to sleep on. Beds Plus would have volunteers on the premises at all times. Breakfast would be served in the morning, the clients and volunteers would clean everything up, set the chairs and altar back in position upstairs, store the mats in Holy Covenant’s garage (there is plenty of space). All clients have to agree to and sign a contract stating there would be no alcohol, no drugs, no smoking (aside from supervised visits outside), no untoward activity. The men are prohibited from arriving early and congregating outside until ten minutes before the shelter opens. Beds Plus would also take out liability insurance to cover any damage to the buildings or grounds due to their usage of the same. Beds Plus will also supply references from other churches and sites that they use as shelters. The expect anywhere from 12- 20 men to use the shelter.

Board members expressed several concerns.

First and foremost, we currently have no heat, and unless the boiler is replaced, we cannot proceed with this.

Other practical concerns raised – snow removal (we have trouble now getting the walks shoveled and should there be any snow on the nights involved, not only would we have to have the walks shoveled on Tuesday evening when the clients and volunteers arrive, but also when they all depart on Wednesday mornings; parking (we only have four/five spaces and street parking overnight in Brookfield is prohibited without parking permits); the effect of having a shelter on our neighbors (we must alert them to the situation and seek their approval); licensing requirements or any permits necessary must be procured from the Village of Brookfield; we would also have to stop preparing breakfast for the shelter in Oak Park – Laura Cleveland suggested that we instead do a breakfast for the Beds Plus clients at Holy Covenant.

It was decided that Martha would prepare a letter to be sent out to all members of Holy Covenant outlining this proposal, and seeking their opinions/approval. The Board will discuss this measure again at the July BOD Meeting.

VI: Reports

A. Clerk's Report (verbal) – Steve Marz

Currently still at 35 members

Martha moved to accept, Barb seconded, all approved

B. Treasurer's Report – Bruce Myers

Tabled to July Meeting

VII: Continued Items

A. Buildings and Grounds

A new Task List has been posted.

Thank you to Sue and Karen for repainting the steps and installing new kickbases – they will also check the wiring at the front door to see if we need an electrician's help.

For the new alarm, Tom reported that there would be a one-time installation and set up fee of \$900. Yearly monitoring costs would be \$420. And there will be a yearly testing fee of \$290 (starting at year two)

An anonymous donor has paid for the initial installation.

Steve moved that we proceed with the installation, Martha seconded, Barb agreed. Tom abstained from voting, (as his brother-in-law works for the alarm company.

HVAC Go Fund Me Page –

Tom and Bruce need to sign off on Barb's proposed Go Fund Me Page verbage, hopefully by Sunday.

- A letter will be sent to the congregation, by email or snail-mail, to alert them to the Go Fund Me page for the new boiler once it is up, so all can direct families and friends to the page to help us spread the word.
- B. Drag Queen Bingo  
Raised \$640 – we are now seeking someone to oversee the next Bingo session in September (DTC)
  - C. UFMCC News –  
For insurance for pastors, an assessment increase has been passed.
  - D. Strategic Planning  
Committee met, they plan on doing one-on-one interviews with congregants who have not been attending lately.
  - E. Social Media Coordinator  
We are now on Yelp.  
Our Facebook page has been updated.  
Barb will create a one-sheeter handout for congregants on all our various social media outlets and how to access them.  
We will get a “boost” on Facebook once we implement our Go Fund Me Page.
  - F. Pastor’s Notes  
IML service went okay (few technical problems)  
Pulse Memorial was good, but not well attended.  
Martha will make sure that Themes and Readings go out earlier to Worship Team  
Pastoral Care Committee being revitalized.  
July 9<sup>th</sup> will be a joint service with Faith Lutheran followed by a pot luck picnic.  
The Ministerium (interfaith group of pastors) met as usual  
Martha has reached out to the MCC “No to Racism” group, but had no response as of the Board Meeting.  
Sara Jane Ranich (MCC Board of Governors) wants Martha to run a new Advisory Council fo Bi/Pansexual People – there are several existing Advisory Councils within MCC, but none yet for this important group – Martha wants to do this, thinks it is an exciting opportunity and it is definitely needed.
- Tom added congratulations to Martha on her first full year at Holy Covenant – thank you for your service from all of us on the Board!

#### VIII: New Business

- A. Pillars wants to post their recruitment poster in the church.

#### IX: Executive Session (Closed)

Closing Prayer – Barbara Adams-Latsaras

Meeting adjourned at; 9:25

Motion to adjourn – Barb moved to adjourn, Steve seconded, all approved