

**Holy Covenant MCC**  
**Board Meeting**  
**March 23, 2017**

- I: Meeting call to order – Rev. Martha Daniels at 7:05  
Present: Rev Martha Daniels, Vice-Moderator Tom Menard, Treasurer Bruce Myers, Clerk Steve Marz, at large member.Barbara Adams- Latsaras.
- II: Opening Prayer – Bruce Myers
- III: Check in – How is everybody? – Rev Martha Daniels  
All okay
- IV: Approval of the Agenda – Steve Marz  
Steve moved to accept, Barb seconded, Unanimous Approval.
- V: Approval of February Board Minutes – Steve Marz  
Tom moved to accept, Bruce seconded. Unanimous Approval.
- VI: Reports
- A. Clerk’s Report (verbal) – Steve Marz - now at 34 members
- B. Treasurer’s Report – Bruce Myers –  
Gloomy at best, Jan and Feb were disastrous, donations down.  
The \$238 Alarm Fee is one problem, can we shop around for a better deal that would work with Brookfield Fire/Police Departments? Tom’s relative works for Advanced Alarm, Tom will check with him. Can we negotiate at all with AT&T for a discount?
- Approval for both reports – Steve moved to accept, Bruce seconded, Unanimous approval.
- VII: Continued Items
- A. Risk Management – Rev. Martha Daniels  
Nothing new to report
- B. Buildings and Grounds – Tom Menard  
Grounds look great!  
A second meeting was held two weeks previous, a core group attended.  
Spring Clean-Up set for May 20.  
Laure Cleveland, Tom and Martha will meet to discuss what needs to be done for Clean-Up day. Jim Baer and Steve will take care of flowers for the planters.  
Barb offered Mary Ann Latsaras’ services to do something with the bushes.  
Probably no more snow accumulation, time to plan for lawn maintenance.  
New snow-blower cost \$315 with 11% Rebate from Menards (no relation to the Vice Chair)  
Lighting may also end up being purchased at Menards, as they have a lighting sale coming up.  
Church sign is a mess, must be repaired/replaced
- C. Drag Queen Bingo -  
Bruce Myers graciously offered to run next DQB on Wednesday, April 26, if Topher (resident Drag Queen) and Marge (bar owner) are willing.

D. UFMCC News - Martha

Rochelle is travelling a lot on behalf of MCC – Toronto and Brazil, and others.

Plans being made for Weekend of Prayer for Trans Brother and Sisters .

E. Strategic Planning meeting –Martha will ask Greg Clark to join the SP Committee.

F. Social Media Coordinator – Barb

Barb is almost finished with our new website.

Barb has been very active on Twitter on behalf of Holy Covenant.

Barb has ordered Business Cards for the Board

G. Pastor's Notes –

- 1) Martha was finally able to meet with Thad Fisher of Faith Lutheran in person; due to lateness of planning, we will NOT be doing Holy Week services with them, but could be something similar in the future – perhaps a July 4<sup>th</sup> Joint worship with Faith Lutheran and other local churches?
- 2) Martha is finalizing Holy Week services with the Worship Committee
- 3) Jennifer Sartz will come and speak on Holocaust Day of Remembrance – April 23..
- 4) Andrew has joined the Worship Team
- 5) Martha will be gone for her son's wedding the weekend of 5/7. A guest preacher will lead worship. On May 21, we will have a guest sermonator, as Martha will have just finished another seminar – Martha will lead services.
- 6) Through new member Jim Ulisse, Holy Covenant has been asked to hold services on IML (International Mr. Leather) Weekend on Memorial Day Weekend at the host hotel (TBD).
- 7) Congregational Care – Martha will follow up with members and congregants who have not been attending services lately.
- 8) Educational series – in stasis at the moment. Perhaps a summer series - films or a book club . In Fall, after her seminar has wrapped up, perhaps an anti-racism week?

H. Spiritual Guidance –

Tom will check with our Insurance agent on coverage for Mary Ann Latsaras's possible Spiritual Guidance Counselling.

VIII: New Business

- A. Ms. Rose Buckner, a member of the Brookfield community, requested use of the church hall on Sunday afternoons from 2-4 for an Overeaters Anonymous book discussion group, lasting for about 15 weeks, ending on August 6, with a maximum of 8 attendees. She is not charging attendees, but asking for donations, which would be given to Holy Covenant. This is different from her previous Book Club request, which fizzled out due to lack of interest. We would like more details on this, since it would be under semi-official auspices of the Over Eaters Anonymous organization – could it be open to HC congregants, would they have to join OEA, would there be a problem with a non- OEA Board Member being present in the building during these meetings, etc., etc.
- B. Discussion of our various HCMCC Ministries – We need to clarify who's doing what, how much time, talent and treasure is involved, and we need to let our congregants know – perhaps a monthly talk on each ministry, when we ask for a second offering?

Closing Prayer: Barbara Adams-Latsaras

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 – moved to do so by Steve, seconded by Tom, unanimous approval.