

## Holy Covenant MCC Board Minutes March 2019

- I: Meeting called to order: 7:08 pm  
Present: Martha Daniels, Barbara Adams Latsaras, Joanie Baird, Roxann Victory  
Regrets: Sue Calahan  
Guests: Kim McCahill from AgeOptions
- II: Opening Prayer – Joanie Baird
- III: Check in: Sue on her way back from Florida, Barbara is okay, Roxann was promoted at work, Joanie is still working and Martha's son Ben and wife Caitlin are coming into town and she will meet them for dinner. Caitlin is running the Shamrock Shuffle on Sunday.
- IV: Approval of the Agenda – Barbara Adams Latsaras
- Added to the agenda E-Graves and F-Bomba Socks
  - Motion to approve the amended agenda by Roxann Victory, seconded by Joanie Baird
- V: Approval of February 2019 Board Minutes - Barbara Adams Latsaras
- Motion to approve the minutes by Joanie Baird, seconded by Roxann Victory, all in favor.
- VI Presentation by Kimberly McCahill, AgeOptions from Oak Park, IL –
- Discussed working with LGBTQ+ within the community and wanting to get Holy Covenant involved. Will continue to discuss at the April meeting with Sue present.
- VII: Reports
- A. Clerk's Report (verbal) – Barbara Adams Latsaras
- We are holding at 24 members – will look at membership at a later date
- B. Treasurer
- February income was down to about \$2400 which is about \$1300 less than our break even budget. However, our 2/1/19 cash balance was about \$5000 we ended the month of February with about \$4000, enough to pay Martha in full and have about \$1500 left over for March expenses.
  - March MTD income is only about \$2500,s so even if we get \$500 more over the next two weeks, we still will be about \$700 short of our budget. On the bright side, all March bills are paid except for Com-ed and Nicor bills which is \$200.
  - Was able to pay the 7% assessment on the February 2019 income about \$165 and the \$100 assessments, for a total of about \$265 for both years combined which was paid in March.
  - Waiting on Ian to submit his hours
  - We paid Church Mutual insurance \$365 for February, and there is no March payment.
  - Waiting for Sue to return and go sign the card
  - Barbara to check with AT&T to get credit for no internet for 12 days
- Motion to accept Clerk & Treasure reports – Roxann motions,  
Barbara 2<sup>nd</sup>'s, all approve

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### C. Pastor's Notes

### D. Worship

Rev. Doreen Sterba DeZur was our supply pastor for March. Our next healing service will be March 31 at noon. Good Friday is April 19. The community service will be at Emmanuel Episcopal in La Grange, at 7 pm. Easter Sunday is April 21.

### E. Pastoral Care

I responded to various prayer requests, either privately or via the community prayers on Sunday. I continue to support the two men in Cook County Jail via prayers, visits, letters, and phone calls.

### F. Social Action Ministry

We continue as usual with Share Food Share Love. We have been approached by AgeOptions about a support group for LGBT seniors.

### G. Administration

Ian Tiele has retired effective March 8, 2019. Most of his tasks have been redistributed to Board members and myself.

### H. Community Outreach

The Widening the Circle group will be showing "Don't Get Sick After June," an exploration of the Indian Health Service, on Friday, April 12 at Lyons Township HS South Campus at 7 pm. Lauren Miller of the IHS in Chicago will facilitate the discussion afterwards. The movie in May will be "Accidental Courtesy," the story of the friendship between a black jazz musician and a KKK member) on Friday, May 10.

There are several events in the community—I post the flyers as they are available.

I would recommend that anyone who can take the Mental Health First Aid class—it's free, and takes place Saturday, May 4; Wednesday, May 8, or Saturday, May 18—all from 8 - 5. A session focused on youth mental health will be available Wednesday, May 22, 8 - 5 pm. They are sponsored by NAMI (DuPage and Metro Suburban) and Community Memorial Foundation.

### I. MCC

The slate of nominees for the office of Moderator has been released: Rev. Tony Freeman, Rev Elder Cecilia Eggleston and Ms Elizabeth Bisordi. This has created some controversy, as all three nominees are white, older than 50, cisgender, and US/UK based. On the one hand, the difficulties around the election at the last General Conference were partially centered on racial questions. On the other, the nominating committee was diverse—POC, younger people, non-binary people, and non-US people were all represented. Questions around the selection process and the transparency of that process have been raised. Expect to hear more about this.

Motion to accept Pastor's report – Roxann motions, Joanie 2<sup>nd</sup>'s, all approve

## VIII: Continued Items

### A. Buildings and Grounds – Continued until April – Items to do from February

- 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
- Rebuild the sign outside

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### B. Fundraising

- Church dance is scheduled for 5/4
- HamBingo will be at Hamburger Mary's in Oak Park on Sunday 3/24 at 7 pm with Roxann being the lead.
- Future dates for HamBingo are 4/28 with 2<sup>nd</sup> choice 4/14  
May – 5/19 with 5/26 2<sup>nd</sup> choice
- Garage sale – Date needs to be set

### C. UFMCC News

- Nothing new.

### D. Social Media Coordinator

- All sermons are active on the website, continuing to update the pages with new information

### E. Revitalization

- Discussion included Aurora Pride Parade
- Changing the name of the church – encourages people to see church in new light.
- Talk will occur at Congregational Conversation and to get ideas about names.
- Vote on new church name at Congregational Forum in November 2019

## IX: New Business

- A. Pride (Aurora and Buffalo Grove) – discussion about attending both parades in June one week apart. Aurora is June 9<sup>th</sup> with a \$25 fee that is due May 12<sup>th</sup>. What would be handed out at the parades. Will need a supply pastor for one of the weeks. One Board member to stay behind.
- B. Copier Contract – Motion to cancel the copier contract and use the Toshiba copier that was given to the church. Motion by Roxann and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martha. All approve. Barbara to contact the maintenance company and cancel the contract.
- C. Administrative Tasks – Need to disperse the administrative tasks that Ian did.
  - a. Directory update Sue with back by Rox
  - b. WHAHC – Barbara to do weekly, backup by Rox
  - c. Attendance Cards – ACS Roxann and Barbara
  - d. Office Supply ordering – Martha and Barbara
  - e. Return address labels – Roxann – maybe purchase a stamp
  - f. Worship and Announcements – Martha
- D. Servant Keeper & Realm (ACS) (Attendance and Collection Software)
  - a. Servant Keeper - \$299 for site license and \$9.99 a month for cloud license
  - b. Realm (ACS) - \$79 setup, \$30 a month for cloud licenseBarbara and Roxann are tasked with getting quotes and finding out if the database from ACS can be transferred to respective programs. Will report at the April board meeting.
- E. Graves in Lemont – We can put the graves on Gravetrader.net for two months for \$7.95 a month. Motion to purchase for two month trial by Roxann and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joanie.

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- F. Bombas Socks – We received 1,000 pairs of socks (4-boxes) to give away to needy organizations. Martha will talk with SAM to see where the socks should go. Suggestions are Share Food Share Love, Same Love, Pilsen, a battered woman's shelter, Beds, The Crib and Pillars.

IX: Executive Session if needed (closed)  
None

Move to end meeting at 9:55pm

Closing prayer: Martha Daniels