

**Holy Covenant MCC
Board Meeting
May 17, 2017**

- I: Meeting call to order: 6:55 pm
Present: Martha Daniels, Tom Menard, Barbara Adams-Latsaras, Steve Marz;
Bruce Myers .
- II: Opening Prayer – Barbara Adams-Latsaras
- III: Check in – How is everybody? All well
- IV: Approval of the Agenda – Steve Marz
Steve moved to accept, Tom seconded, all approved
- V: Approval of March Board Minutes – Steve Marz
Bruce moved to accept, Steve seconded, all approved
- VI: Reports
- A. Clerk's Report (verbal) – Steve Marz
35 members
Bruce will do name tags
- B. Treasurer's Report – Bruce Myers
At present, we are staying afloat only due to fundraisers.
Tom reiterated everything he had brought up in April – our rather dire state of finances with no real back-up reserves. Bruce said that right now, we have the funds to last three months. Bruce stated that he would create a letter to be sent to all congregants about this situation, asking for any additional financial support they can provide; Barb will add up the Giving for the past three months, so that can accompany the letter, and Martha will ask Ian to put together a list of names and addresses – but this would be a short term solution. We have only added one new member in the past two years – we really need new members to donate time, talent and treasure, if Holy Covenant is going to survive. There is a really low level of participation on all levels from our current membership/congregation – the same dozen people are contributing their time and talent.
To recap, the letter will emphasize the dire financial straits Holy Covenant is in, and mention that the Board is doing all we can to minimize costs, and will also remind them of the many ways contributions can be made – cash, checks, credit card, Paypal – and ask for an extra \$5 a week for the next three months.
Barb will also be looking into setting up a GoFundMe page for the new boiler.

The Board thanked Bruce for all he has done as Treasurer, and gave him a vote of confidence for the future.

Barb moved to accept both reports, Tom seconded, all agreed.

VII: Continued Items

A. Buildings and Grounds –

May 6th was Building and Grounds Clean Up Day, and Tom thanks everyone who came out and helped with all the work. There is still much to do, week by week. Tom will update the Project List this week.

HVAC – Ian still gathering quotes and proposals – Four Seasons just came in at \$10,425 – if we pay cash. Barb will plan on a \$13,000 projection for Go Fund Me. Last ditch would be to seek bank financing.

Lighting – Bruce says we have a solar powered light that could be installed over the front door; Tom is watching Menards for sales.

Alarm – Tom has checked with ADT, and we have no contract with them. He also found that we really have no contract with AT&T, either. Tom's relative is checking with the alarm company he works for, for a cheaper rate. Once we switch over, we can cancel ADT and AT&T with no hassle. The initial installation would probably be about \$500, with a monthly fee of \$25 – which would be a great financial improvement over the \$369 per month we are paying now. Once Tom gets final estimate from his relative, he will email all of us, we will vote on it by email and then we can retroactively enter it into the next month's minutes.

B. Drag Queen Bingo

Next DBQ scheduled for June 14th - Martha will run it. Barb needs a theme to create flyers. Martha says the Thad at First Lutheran will ask his congregation to support Bingo.

C. UFMCC News -

Will be voting soon on pension increase for ministers – Martha not eligible yet (needs five years in service in a US church).

Bruce moved that Holly Blonde be appointed as Lay Delegate from May 17 to July 17. Steve seconded, all approved.

D. Strategic Planning—

Martha, Tom and Greg plan to meet June 6 to discuss documents.

E. Social Media Coordinator –

New Website up and running, getting Likes already on FaceBook.

New microphone for Martha – Barb will procure, we all gave her a vote of trust to go ahead and make the purchase.

F. Pastor's Notes –

Martha will NOT take month of August off to write Narrative Lectionary, but will work from home for two weeks, while writing a new liturgy for Fall – Worship Team will concentrate on music

She is working with Jim Ullisy and others on a Leather Service for Leather Weekend.

Holy Covenant will hold a Pulse memorial Service on June 11 at 2 pm, with Reverend Thad from FL, to be held at Holy Covenant. We will still hold our traditional 10 am worship service that day.

On July 9th, our worship service will be held at Faith Lutheran in conjunction with their congregation, with a potluck meal after. Details to come.

Congregational Care will meet regularly, on third Sunday of every other month.

Ian says he has sent out to Jim Baer an updated address and birthday list. Ian's evaluation was done, he was fine with it, no raise at this time. He wants to do more, start using Constant Contact, and is looking forward to his next evaluation in October.

Martha will do a presentation next month at the Interfaith Mental Health Coalition - on mental health for the LGBTQ community.

A joint service will be held on August 6th (Altogether Under the Sun) at Gordon Park, at 10:30 a.m. This will be in lieu of our usual Sunday service that day.

We are NOT participating in the Pet Parade.

The Ministerium will draft a letter to send to official and police about the incident that occurred at LaGrange Beds Plus – All procedures were followed, this involved clients from another program who had been sent to Beds Plus. Beds Plus will no longer take in overflow guests from other programs.

Martha will be working on the Annual Church Report.

G. Pastoral Evaluation

Tom will send us all the MCC form, we will go over form and discuss via email.

H. Yard Signs

Available and for sale at \$20 each..

VIII: New Business

- A. Bruce mentioned that Mary Ann Der Zimmerman has already been paid for preaching during Martha's absences.

Closing Prayer – Steve Marz

Meeting adjourned at; 8:20 pm

Motion to adjourn made by Bruce, seconded by Tom, all agreed!