

# Holy Covenant MCC Board Minutes May 2018

- I: Meeting called to order: 7:05 pm  
Present: Martha Daniels, Barbara Adams Latsaras, Sue Calahan  
Regrets: Joanie Baird  
Guests:
- II: Opening Prayer – Barbara Adams Latsaras
- III: Check in: Sue fell down doing yardwork, Barb and Martha okay
- IV: Approval of the Agenda – Barbara Adams Latsaras
- Motion to approve the agenda by Sue, seconded by Martha, all in favor.
- V: Approval of April 2018 Board Minutes - Barbara Adams Latsaras
- Motion to approve the minutes by Sue, seconded by Martha, all in favor.
- V: Reports
- A. Clerk's Report (verbal) – Barbara Adams Latsaras
- Still at 30 members
  - Motion to approve the Clerk's report by Sue, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martha, all in favor.
- B. Treasurer
- Tabled until June
- VIII: Continued Items
- A. Buildings and Grounds
- Grass was cut on 5/17 by Sue with Nancy Kacys and Karen Calahan helping spruce up the grounds
  - Church cleaning on 5/5. Eight people showed up to help. Items worked on were windows washed, fixed toilets and replaced a seat, yard work, washed floors upstairs and downstairs, washed baseboards, cleaned mats, planted flowers and weeded.
  - Still need to fix kitchen faucet and check on fire protection contract.
- B. Drag Queen Bingo
- Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> had Drag Queen Bingo and raised \$600.
  - Next Bingo to be discussed with Topher and possibly a Batman bingo
- C. UFMCC News
- Network clergy conference call on 5/15 which included Milwaukee, Quad Cities, Illinois, Illiana and Michigan. Network gathering on August 18<sup>th</sup> anybody that wants to go can attend. People can stay the night for Sunday services. The meeting will be from 9am to 3 pm or 4 pm. Michael Cooper and others from Network team and will be held at Divine Peace MCC in Pontiac, MI. There will be a small charge for attending.

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- UFMCC reduced the cost to attend the conference in Orlando 2019

### D. Social Media Coordinator

- Website updated for May
- Facebook updated for May events
- Look into updating the privacy and cookie policy.
- A Church 4 Me has a Pride event with the Chicago Sky June 1st. Will put some advertising on our website and Facebook for them
- Church dance made about \$1900. A big thank you to Karen and Sue Calahan for putting the 1970's themed dance together and for all the help they received.

### E. Pastor's Notes

- There were six attendees for the healing services on April 29th
- International Mr. Leather Memorial service is still being planned with Martha helping out on May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Aurora Pride Parade is June 17<sup>th</sup> and we will attend. Rev. Doreen Sterba DeZer who is the Chaplain at Plymouth Place will be in pulpit that Sunday. One Board member Barbara Adams Latsaras will stay behind at the church on that Sunday as Joanie and Sue will be attending the parade.
- Working on summer services on both clobber passages and supportive passages in the Bible.
- Pride services on June 24<sup>th</sup>
- Beds is done for the season. Cleaning out their items from the church. They are looking to see about having it at HC for the summer. Will discuss later in the meeting. Will also discuss fall and winter for Beds.
- Share Food, Share Love is doing good
- SAM decided to keep funds going to the church
- Pastoral Care has nothing, but Sue & Karen may take over sending out the cards to our congregation either via email or snail mail.
- Trying to attend Sage luncheons twice a month
- Brookfield/La Grange – All together under the Sun service will be August 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at Gordon Park. Having a debate about joint worship – should it be ecumenical (inter-Christian) or interfaith, and how we should go about being the latter and are we ready to welcome Jewish, Muslim, and Buddhist neighbors to worship together (some congregations are, some are not). Decided to table it for right now.
- Indivisible Brookfield is alternating their meetings between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Rev. Martha attends when she can.
- The minimum wage opt-out is again on the table in several local municipalities, Western Springs, LaGrange, Wilmette and Countryside. Will keep us informed.
- Activities planned for Indivisible Brookfield is a Picnic at Miller woods on Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> between 2 and 4 pm. Meet and greet with Kwame Raoul (candidate for Attorney General for IL) at Kiwanis Park in Brookfield, either June 16, 23, or 30<sup>th</sup>.

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- Davis Memorial AME Church is applying for Historic register status as one of the first and most important black churches in Western Cook County. We will be getting petitions to sign to help them out.
- Plymouth Place is looking for people with friendly pets (all kinds – cats, dogs, gerbils, anything petable and not be therapy certified) who would be willing to come residents.
- Pints with Pastor will continue but only on the first Monday of the month. Attendance has dropped off.
- Martha has registered for her continuing education for this year a weekend retreat in September, focusing on creativity. She has Rev. Doreen Sterba DeZur in pulpit for that Sunday.
- Looking still to do a progressive worship service in Cook County Jail in conjunction with Black and Pink

### F. Revitalization Program

- Had congregational conversation and discussed items that were brought up

### G. Beds

- Beds ended May 15<sup>th</sup> for the season. Asked if we would like to continue for a week in the summer and the Board declined. Martha moved to not make the church available due to expenses. Barbara 2<sup>nd</sup> and all approved.
- Will table Beds discussion for the fall until June.

### H. Policy Review

- Tabled

### I. Aurora Pride

- Decorate the van and drive it.
- Have a sign-up sheet for the parade
- Karen and Sue will have t-shirts made – Send cross logo to Sue Calahan
- Send Cross logo to Sue for print

### J. Pilsen Night Ministry – Nothing to report

### K. Workshops by Mary Ann Latsaras

- June 30<sup>th</sup> - Drama Triangle Part I 9am to 1pm
- July 28<sup>th</sup> – Drama Triangle Part II 9am to 1pm

### IX: New Business

A. Pastor's Contract – Tabled until June

B. Pastoral Review – Tabled until June

Closing Prayer – Sue Calahan

Meeting adjourned – 8:38 pm