

Holy Covenant MCC Board Minutes
April 16, 2020
Via Skype

- I: Abbreviated Meeting called to order: 5:54 pm via SKYPE
Present: Joanie Baird, Martha Daniels, Barbara Adams Latsaras, Roxann Victory, Sue Calahan
Regrets:
Guests:
- II: **Opening Prayer** – Roxann Victory
- III: **Check-In:**
Martha – Staying at home and isolating
Roxann – Same ole, working for less money
Joanie – Same ole stuff, still looking for a job
Barbara – Was furloughed for 8-week on Tuesday
Sue – Stuck in Florida as her and Karen cannot leave
- IV: **Approval of the Agenda** – Barbara Adams-Latsaras
- Added to agenda D. Lawn mowing by Allison and E. Fire Alarm testing
 - Motion to approve the agenda by Joanie, 2nd by Sue, all in favor.
- V: **Approval of February Board Minutes** – Barbara Adams-Latsaras
- Motion to approve the March minutes by Sue, 2nd by Rox, all in favor
- VI: **Treasurer's Report** – Joanie Baird
- Income**
- In March 2020 we had a loss about (\$1097).
- Bills**
- Our current cash balance as of 4/15/20 is about \$2041, plus two Sundays estimated total \$500 means 4/26/20 balance estimated to be \$2,541. Therefore, we probably will have enough to cover Martha in full on April 26.
 - The March 2020 assessment was $\$2248 \times .035 = \79 , which has NOT been paid. The 2018 repayment is suspended for now. (We also still owe the Feb 2020 Assessment \$63.)
 - High current bills for March 2020:
Combined March Erie Insurance \$340
Gas Nicor \$131
Com Ed \$75
- NEED TO APPROVE Erie Insurance
April will be the normal $\$287 + \5 Service fee = \$292 due on 4/18
Erie was approved by the Board to pay and to hold off on the utilities for now.

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Mar bills still need to approve or defer

ATT	\$63
Nicor	\$131
Com Ed	\$75

TOTAL	\$386 overdue

Other April bills need to approve or defer

ATT	\$63
Nicor	\$131 est.
Com Ed	\$75 est.

TOTAL	\$386 due around 4/30

These have been deferred by UFMCC:

Feb Assessment
UFMCC \$63

Mar Assessment
UFMCC \$79

Pension Q1 2020 \$95

PPS Loan

Still waiting for an answer from PNC.

IRS update

- Received a letter of demand for \$993. Barbara will file with the IRS request for another look at what is owed.

VII Pastor's Notes

a. Board meeting by remote App

- Board meeting will be remote for May using SKYPE

Pastoral Care

I have shared prayers for several individuals and was in touch with Ian about Stacey's death. I continue to support the two men in Cook County Jail. I've asked them to call me every couple of days, so I know they are OK. I'm not sure what will happen with their next scheduled court appearance (April 23)—it may be via video; in which case I can't be present.

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Social Action Ministry

Share Food, Share Love continues as before—prepackaged bags with curbside delivery. BEDS has moved to placing clients in hotels and temporary housing. We are scheduled to be a location for them in August—we will have to wait and see what the situation is like then.

Education/Formation

I will plan to use Rachel Held Evan's book "Inspired" for an online book study. Even without Covid-19, this might have been the way to go! I plan to use Zoom, and it will probably start in early May.

Administration

I am working from home for the foreseeable future. Voicemails for the church come into my email, so I can respond fairly quickly to calls, and some organizations/vendors have my number and are calling me directly. I check the church mailbox a couple of times a week and will let people know if something has come for them. AA is on hiatus for in-person meetings; they are continuing online and by phone.

Community Outreach

SAGE continues on hiatus.
CommUnity Diversity has cancelled the May movie.
The clergy group is now meeting weekly via Zoom. We were able to share community worship on Good Friday, thanks to Rev. Carly Stucklin-Sather of First Congregational Church of LaGrange, who created the video.

MCC

The leadership has continued to stay in touch and offered resources for worship during this time as well as finances

Revitalization Team

The Chicago Sky event on June 5 is on hold—WNBA has suspended their season.

Age Options

As with so much else, this is on hold.

Other

Mary Ann Latsaras has begun work on painting the alcove in the sanctuary and will be creating a labyrinth on the sanctuary floor—taking advantage of the empty building!

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We should take a hard look at finances in May. My contract ends at the end of June, and the intent had been that I would move back to full time July 1. This may not be feasible, depending on circumstances. Given this, we should talk about alternative plans.

One additional note

I plan to begin a paralegal program at the College of DuPage this summer. I'm taking the two intro courses required before I apply to the certificate program. Depending on how they go, I'll make my decision about the full program (which I would be taking part-time). I decided to do this for several reasons. One is that I think it will be very helpful as I continue with my prison ministry work—simply being conversant with law and court procedures and the outlines of law will help. Paralegals can't give legal advice, but there's a level of knowledge and understanding that I couldn't get otherwise (besides law school, which is really not feasible). Secondly, it can potentially be a second source of income if needed. Third, it may be helpful to the church from time to time as well.

VII Planning for near future (COVID-19)

a. Worship

We have been worshipping via livestream (Facebook Live) since March 22, 2020. I have learned a bit more each week, and it is going much more smoothly. I had contemplated using Zoom for worship, but now that the app is requiring a password to join a meeting, I don't think it is the best choice. There's no way to get the password out to random people (for obvious reasons, we can't post the password on social media), so we would be limiting worship to people on our Constant Contact list...which we don't want to do. So, we will continue via FB Live.

b. Building Care and Maintenance

The boiler needs to be inspected so Martha will call and make an appointment.

c. Approval of using EasyTithe for texting giving

Roxann moved to use EasyTithe and Joanie 2nd. All in favor

d. Lawn Mowing

Barbara found a person to cut the church grass every other week. She will share with another person to pay Allison to cut the gas. Sue has said she will pay for Allison. Her charge is \$35 a trip. Motion to approve Allison to cut grass by Sue, Roxann 2nd, Everyone in favor except for Joanie who abstained.

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e. Fire Alarm Inspection

Sue will be calling the provider to set-up an inspection.

VIII May Contingency Planning

We are waiting for Governor Pritzker to announce the plans for what happens in May. We may have to cancel Drag Queen Bingo, Spring Dance, and Garage Sale. All are on hold until that announcement.

Closing Prayer – Sue Calahan with Motion to adjourn by Roxann, 2nd by Barbara. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm