

Holy Covenant MCC Board Minutes

August 2018

- I: Meeting called to order: 7:25 pm
Present: Martha Daniels, Barbara Adams Latsaras, Joanie Baird, Sue Calahan
Regrets:
Guests:
- II: Opening Prayer – Joanie Baird
- III: Check in: Sue is good and watching grandchildren. Barb is okay her trip out east to see family was good. Joanie is still waiting for a new assignment. Her car is getting fixed after it the oil ran out and it seized.
- IV: Approval of the Agenda – Barbara Adams Latsaras
- Added to the agenda in Executive Session – Personnel Issue
 - Motion to approve the agenda by Joanie, seconded by Sue, all in favor.
- V: Approval of July 2018 Board Minutes - Barbara Adams Latsaras
- Motion to approve the minutes by Sue Calahan, seconded by Joanie Baird, all in favor.
- A. Clerk's Report (verbal) – Barbara Adams Latsaras
- We now have 25 members
- B. Treasurer
- Financial outlook is still depressing. Church is continuing to have financial issues and the Board is working diligently to get a healthy cash flow coming into the church. We are late paying water, gas, electric and unsure if we will meet the payroll for September.
 - Board is looking forward to having Drag Queen Bingo, Rummage Sale on 9/15, Garage sale at end of September and the Dance in October. Possibly another Drag Queen Bingo in September (maybe 2 or them)
 - Joanie is working on budgets with options for 2019 with various scenarios.
 - Joanie will give Barbara financial information to send out via Constant Contact and Google groups
 - Motion to approve the Clerk and Treasurer reports by Barbara, second by Sue, all in favor.
- VIII: Continued Items
- A. Buildings and Grounds**
- The grass has been cut as a letter was left in our mailbox about how high it was. Joanie and Sue will switch off weeks to cut the grass.
 - Church needs to be cleaned again before the Rummage Sale on September 15th.
- B. Drag Queen Bingo**
- Drag Queen Bingo scheduled for August 22nd. Joanie and Martha will bring the items to Forest View. Rest of the Board will help.

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C. UFMCC News

- UFMCC has not money and finances are strained. Staff has been let go and salaries have been cut. The UFMCC is reorganizing and there will be a webinar online on August 23rd. Martha will listen in.

D. Social Media Coordinator

- Website updated for August
- Facebook updated with August events
- The time of our service has been added to the home page. Images have been resized.
- Google Calendar has been updated.
- Constant Contact email on the Rummage sale, Meditation and Under the Sun was sent out and also sent to google groups.

E. Pastor's Notes

- Summer sermon series, No and Yes continues. Feedback has been generally positive.
- Martha is planning for the fall. Worship Team will be meeting in September to finalize worship themes and schedules for the rest of the year.
- Guest Preachers will be Rev. Doreen Sterba DeZur on 9/9, Jim Ulisse on 9/23 and October 21st Rev. Jason Lydon
- Social Action team will meet on Sunday 8/19 after services. Holly is now the coordinator for Share Food, Share Love food pantry.
- Attending SAGE twice a month when available
- Martha attended Brookfield/LaGrange clergy group meeting. Had a presentation from a high school student who is hoping to offer a program of engineering fun classes for 308th grade minority youth; she is looking for sponsors and space. The clergy group agreed it was something they would publicize and support with details to come.
- Pints with the Pastor is continuing. For the fall, Martha plans to schedule it for every other Monday – 2nd & fourth Monday of the month – and suggest a topic, but emphasize that the topic is optional and that discussion is open if needed.
- Martha's work with LGBTQ+ people who are incarcerated continues, including her work with Black and Pink (pen pal and court support). Her ministry with two men in Cook County Jail and their families, and she visited her pen pal friend Eddie at Big Muddy River facility in Jefferson County was last weekend. Sam is planning to support him with a table at the church rummage sale to sell some of his artwork.

F. Revitalization Program

- Revitalization team is ongoing.

G. Beds

- We may become an overnight stay in the winter for children and women

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H. By-Laws/Policy Review

- Policy review tabled.
- Meeting between Sue and Martha for the By-Laws on 8/28

I. Constant Contact & Google Group Financial Email

- Covered in Treasurer's report.

VIII: New Business

None

Regular meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

Executive session started at 9:21 pm

IX: Executive Session if needed (closed)

- A. Directory to be done by Sue
- B. Personnel issues were discussed.

Executive Meeting adjourned – 9:30 pm

Closing prayer: Barbara Adams Latsaras