

Holy Covenant MCC Board Minutes
August 19, 2021
In-person

I: Meeting called to order: 7:35 pm

Present: Joanie Baird, Martha Daniels, Barbara Adams Latsaras,
Roxann Victory

Regrets:

Guests:

II: Opening Prayer – Barbara Adams Latsaras

III: Check-In:

- Barbara okay. Mary Ann is going on vacation to Sedona with daughter Lisa.
- Joanie had a bad middle of the day. Better tonight. Issues with co-workers. Waiting for the approval of patio from HOA to get it completed. Trying to find time to visit family.
- Roxann is working a lot and has been doing photo booths for birthday's, anniversaries, graduations and other events. Colin has started high school. Her family will have to put down her sister's Steph's cat in September.
- Martha has been using a cane and brace to get around. Going to PT twice a week and she needs to start trying to drive. Her son Ben and daughter-in-law Caitlin have been coming to help.

IV: Approval of the August Agenda – Barbara Adams-Latsaras

- Motion to approve the agenda by Roxann, 2nd by Joanie, all in favor.

V: Approval of July 2021 Board Minutes – Barbara Adams-Latsaras

- Motion to approve the July minutes by Joannie, 2nd by Roxann, all favor

VI : Reports

A. Clerks Report – 21 adults, 2 children

B. Treasurer's Report – Joanie Baird

Tithing – July 2021 assessment \$1,786 x .035 = \$63 which has been paid.
The 2018 repayment is suspended for now.

IRS UPDATE – Was paid and was received by IRS. Received the green postcard from USPS back that it was received.

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PPP Loan – We have applied for forgiveness for the first PPP loan via PNC's process, which has been recommended to the SBA to approve. The SBA has about 60 days to decide, but they usually concur with the bank's decision in these situations per PNC.

Income - In July 2021 we had total Operating revenue of only \$1,786. This caused a net loss (\$2,389). We have used up all of the PPP loans, so there was no offset for July.

Our current cash balance as of 8/17/21 was about \$9,208, plus two Sunday's estimated total \$800, less August 2021 payments \$2,978, means 8/31/21 Operating Fund checking account balance estimated to be \$7,030, after paying Martha's salary for September (\$2500). This includes the \$2500 donation in August.

Balance in the Krieger Bequest was about \$8000 on July 31,2021. Due to the generous unexpected \$2500 donation in August, we will probably break even or perhaps gain a little, so we won't need to use any of the Krieger Bequest in August. This could allow the Krieger Fund to last until Dec, but beyond that, our reserve will probably be used up, assuming that we continue to have a monthly deficit of about (\$2000.)

Bills August 2021:

- Erie Insurance \$341

Need to Approve for August 2021

a) Electric	\$ 88 Actual
b) Gas	\$ 50 Est
c) AT&T	\$ 85 Including 1/3 of \$100 Install fee for fiber
d) CVLI	<u>\$255 Annual</u>
<u>Total Bills</u>	<u>\$819</u>

Flood repair Designated Fund balance is about \$8 as of 8/17/21.

Motion to pay bills as they become due was moved by Roxann and 2nd by Barbara, all in favor.

C. Pastor's Report

Worship

We continue to worship via livestream (FaceBook Live). As soon as I am mobile enough to access the church, and when the work is completed on the church

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interior, we will move to hybrid worship. This will also depend on the COVID19 infection rates for Cook County and any government restrictions. The Worship Team is meeting next week, and we will be discussing plans for the fall and Advent

Pastoral Care

I have shared prayers for several individuals. I continue to support the two men in Cook County Jail. I continue to be available for support as needed.

Social Action Ministry

We are waiting for our next shipment of Bombas socks to donate at various locations. Members continue to support Share Food, Share Love Food Pantry.

Administration

I have reviewed my usual activities and compared them to my contract, with an eye to keeping my hours to the 32 hours contracted for. I'll be discussing that as a separate topic after this report.

Community Outreach

SAGE continues to meet by Zoom—mostly simply for check-ins and updates. The Brookfield/LaGrange Ministerium has begun to meet in person again, although I was not able to attend the August meeting.

Thrive with Pride

The large group continues to meet via Zoom on the last Tuesday of the month at 11 am. Our smaller group (the cafe) meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm. We met on August 5. The next large group meeting will be August 24 at 11 via Zoom, and the topic will be dementia and caretakers. Our small group will meet September 2 at 7 pm. A SAGE Table is planned for Thursday, October 14—this is an intergenerational event for seniors and younger LGBTQ+ individuals to have conversation over a meal (provided).

Revitalization Team

The group met Tuesday, August 17. We have postponed our planned seniors/youth event to November. The idea is that seniors will share their stories of being LGBTQ+--coming out, early Pride, what it was like for them in that time and place, to share with the youth. We will offer a training session for seniors who would like to participate in October, led by Katie Fasullo, the SAGE intern.

We also discussed the possibility of planning events to be held outside. The first is a blessing of animals in early October. This would include a couple of prayers and readings and maybe a hymn or two, and then each animal present would receive a blessing and a small gift (treat or St. Francis medal, for example). Leashes/carriers

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would be required (for the pets!) and the option of bringing a photo would be offered, too (for pets who don't travel well or don't get along well with other animals). This is something we would open to the neighborhood. The second is a bonfire/homecoming in late October or early November. We would use the gravel area by the alley; we might offer s'mores, singing, or drumming. This would also be open to the larger community. These last two are still in the planning stages, obviously.

UFMCC

I attended a webinar on protocols for returning to in-person worship (or not) on August 5. Our main focus should be caring for one another, whatever that might look like in our context. For some churches, they may be able to continue (or go to) in-person or hybrid worship and programs, while others would be at high risk to do so. The guidance is to keep monitoring the infection and vaccination rates in your area, and make informed, prayerful decisions based on that information. A suggestion I found useful was the use of wristbands to indicate the level of contact a person is comfortable with—for example, red for none, yellow for elbow bumps and a wave, green for go in for a hug. A sign (and announcements) would explain the different levels.

Rev. Martha is working on a new grant with the Louisville Institute which she may call Rainbow Bridges to continue with her prison ministry. It is due by September 2021 with notification of awards in November 2021.

Motion to accept the Clerk, Treasurer & Pastor's report by Roxann, 2nd by Joanie, all in favor.

VII Continued Items

A. Building and Grounds

1. Sign Update

Still no quotes on the sign. Companies are saying they cannot get the materials or that they cannot do the sign for what we can afford. Right now we have a banner over the box.

2. B & G update

Mary Ann is working on the upstairs inside and trying to put the finishing touches upstairs and downstairs.

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B. Fundraisers

Pints with the Pastor will move to PUB 78 in September. It is a gay owned business that we would like to support in Brookfield. In discussion with one of the owners Jen, we asked if we could have Drag Queen Bingo there. Martha is to talk with Kate from Age Options about a Drag Queen to help us.

C. UFMCC News – See Pastor’s notes

D. Social Media Coordinator

Have changed the website for August, continued Constant Contact every week and update Facebook as needed.

E. Revitalization Program

See the Pastor notes above.

F. Planning for the Future

We are watching the COVID numbers and the CDC with the state mask mandate. Also waiting on Martha’s ankle so she can go up and down stairs and drive. Need to install the carpeting on the stairs first.

G. Blood Bank Space

We will not pursue at this time.

H. Napier Pride

We will look to maybe participate next year. There were no volunteers except for the Board to work the two days. We need at least 3-4 for each shift on Saturday and Sunday.

VIII New Business

A. Leadershop

This is an organization that trains youth to be leaders. It is an inclusive organization and need a meeting space in Brookfield. They are planning on 10-15 kids twice a week.

Motion to allow Leadershop to use our facilities two days a week with a suggested donation of \$25 a week by Barbara and second by Joanie. All with favor

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B. Carpet Installation

A \$300 donation was made to pay for the carpet to be installed. This donation was originally made for Napier Pride but was approved by the person that donated for it to be reappropriated for carpet installation. Barbara will handle getting the carpet quotes and installed.

IX: Executive Session

None

Closing prayer by Martha Daniels

Motion to adjourn at 9:55 pm moved by Roxann and 2nd by Joanie,
All in favor.