

**Holy Covenant MCC Board Minutes**  
**February 17, 2022**  
**Via Zoom**

**I:** Meeting called to order: 7:16 pm  
Present: Joanie Baird, Martha Daniels, Barbara Adams Latsaras,  
Roxann Victory  
Regrets:  
Guests:

**II: Opening Prayer** – Roxann Victory

**III: Check-In:**

- Barbara – Tired and busy working her PT job.
- Joanie – No check-in
- Martha – Working on grant, getting books, setting up meetings for grant and has scheduled a getaway for a weekend.
- Roxann – Only 2 people in her job now. Booked trip to Florida with her mom and Colin.

**IV: Approval of the February Agenda** – Barbara Adams-Latsaras

- Motion was made to accept the agenda by Roxann moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara. All in favor.

**V: Approval of January 2022 Board Minutes** – Barbara Adams-Latsaras

- Motion to approve the January minutes by Barbara, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roxann, all in favor.

**VI: Reports**

**A. Clerks Report** – 21 adults, 2 children

**B. Treasurer's Report** – Joanie Baird

**Tithing** – January 2022 assessment  $\$1,472 \times .035 = \$52$ , which has been paid. 2018 Assessment 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.

**PPP Loan** – We have received forgiveness for the first PPP loan, Forgiveness is pending for the second PPP loan and is no longer showing up on the PNC banking page for us.

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**Income** – In January 2022 we had total Operating revenue of \$1,472 and expenses of \$3,599, so we had a Net Loss of (\$2,127) for January 2022.

Our current Operating Fund cash balance as of 2/16/22 is about \$5,153, plus two Sunday's estimated total \$600 = \$5,753 Available, Less \$ 787 February unpaid bills leaves 2/28/22 Operating Fund checking account balance estimated to be \$2,466 after paying Martha's salary for March (\$2500).

This Operating cash balance is after transferring \$150 to Landscaping Fund (for snow removal) and \$354 to the HVAC Fund.

**CCLI License**

Discussion on what to purchase as we are now live-streaming services. More research needs to be done. Roxann will contact CCLI to discuss and report back to the Board in March.

**Bills January 2022 for Board approval:**

a) Electric	\$ 80 Estimated
b) Est. Gas	\$300 Estimated
c) AT&T	\$ 52 Fiber for internet
d) Erie Insurance	\$ 355 Monthly
e) Water, sewer	\$ 0
<b>Total Bills</b>	<b>\$ 787</b>

**Flood repair Designated Fund balance is about \$8** as of 2/28/22.

Landscaping Designated Fund balance is \$80 receiving \$150 more and after spending \$280 in Feb MTD for snow removal and salting.

**HVAC Designated Fund balance is about \$6,850** including the Jan 2022 income of \$354 (of which about \$345 was Stripe matching funds from Giving Tuesday)

Motion to approve the and pay bills as they become due was moved by Roxann and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joanie, all in favor.

**C. Pastor's Report**

**Worship**

We returned to in-person worship February 6.

The baptism originally scheduled for that date was postponed to April 10 (which is also Palm Sunday).

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I have a wedding scheduled for June 26 at 4 pm (yes a Sunday) at another venue. The Worship Team is planning for Ash Wednesday, Lent, Palm Sunday, and Easter. The ashes have been ordered for Ash Wednesday, and glitter ashes will be available.

**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.

I am pleased that people who are participating via live-stream are also requesting prayer in the chat—this indicates to me that they feel a connection to Holy Covenant.

**Social Action Ministry**

We have received our Bombas socks donation for 2021, and we will be completing the request form for 2022 later in the meeting.

**Administration**

I continue to mainly work from home. I am in the church office one or two days a week, usually when I have a meeting or a Zoom call.

A reminder that I am “on call” for First Congregational Church of LaGrange during the weeks of March 21 – 27 and April 11 – 17 for any funerals that may be needed. Rev. Carly Stucklen-Sather is on sabbatical.

I have made AirBnB reservations for the weekend of May 20-23 to take a short break. I am working on a supply pastor for that Sunday (the 22<sup>nd</sup>).

**Community Outreach**

SAGE continues to meet by Zoom on Fridays at 1 pm. The plan at this time is to return to in-person meetings (hopefully including lunch) on March 18. I will keep you updated on this.

The Brookfield/LaGrange Ministerium met yesterday, February 16 at the Aspire retirement community in LaGrange.

**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. The next large group meeting will be February 22 at 11 via Zoom, and the topic will be memory care.

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**Revitalization Team**

I continue to meet with Rev. Dexter. The Holy Covenant Revitalization team plans to meet next week (February 23).

**UFMCC**

I attended the consultancy online January 31 – February 2. Louisville Institute did a great job moving the meeting online. They made several options available to us to make that less onerous—an UberEats voucher for those days, and three nights' worth of a stay at a hotel/BnB if desired. We were also given the credit for our flight, for those of us who had made flight reservations. In addition, they sent each of us a "care package" of LI swag (umbrella, water bottle, pen, etc.) and goodies (a candle, Louisville candies, etc.).

The other attendees were inspiring and very helpful, with suggestions for connections and ways to clarify my thinking.

I am working on the organization of the work right now—timelines, ordering books, making contacts, etc. As with the last grant, my plan is to work on the grant primarily on Fridays, although of course I will also be reading, writing, and conducting interviews at other times as well.

Rev. Nilsa will be our supply preacher for March 13 and April 24.

Motion to accept the Clerk, Treasurer & Pastor's report by Barbara, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roxann, all in favor.

**VII Continued Items**

**A. Building and Grounds**

**1. Roof Repairs**

Mary Ann is waiting on better weather to have Erie and others come inspect.

**2. Air Conditioner Repairs**

Continuing to try and get the quote from Bill for the Air Conditioning unit for the summer months. If he does not respond to us, then we may have to find another contractor to come in to quote on the work.

**3. Snow Removal**

We have been very pleased with Jesus Villalobos and his snow removal. He is very reliable and makes sure that all the sidewalks and stairs are shoveled and that salt is dropped after shoveling.

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**B. Fundraisers**

**a. Drag Queen Bingo** – Tabled until March as we cannot find a Drag Queen.

**b. Aurora Pride Parade** – June 12<sup>th</sup> cost is \$50 to be in the parade. Talk to Sue and Karen to see if we can use their van for the parade

**c. Garage Sale** – either May 14<sup>th</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup> or June 11<sup>th</sup>. Will vote in March on which date to choose and who will be running it. Will have Share Food, Share Love their with a table to get donations.

**B. Plant Sales** – Tabled until March as Mary Ann is not present. She is working on it and getting the Board some budget figures

**C. Social Media Coordinator**

Have changed the website for February, continued Constant Contact every week and update Facebook as needed. Events have been updated in the calendar.

**E. Revitalization Program**

See the Pastor notes above.

**F. Planning for the Future**

Nothing

**VIII New Business**

**IX: Executive Session**

None

Closing prayer by Barbara Adams Latsaras

Motion to adjourn at 10:05 pm moved by Barbara and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roxann,  
All in favor.