

Holy Covenant MCC Board Minutes
February 15, 2024
Meeting Held on Zoom

I: Meeting called to order: 7:37 pm

Present: Joanie Baird, Martha Daniels, Barbara Adams Latsaras (via Zoom),
Roxann Victory

Regrets:

Guests:

II: Opening Prayer: Barbara Adams Latsaras

III: Check-In:

- Joanie – Work is changing for her with the new software. She has had important meetings at work.
- Martha – Was on vacation last week but is back on track. Has seven- and one-half hours of continuing education. Her star word was rest, so during lent she wants to use her word for lent and rest. Had some days reading at Panera.
- Roxann – Her Uncle Roy passed away and they have been helping her Aunt. Colin read on Ash Wednesday for the first time and did well.
- Barbara – Mar is back home after being in the hospital for a few days for IV antibiotic treatments for her dog bite on her hand. Bryan was accepted at Minnesota State University at Mankato with a scholarship to play football. I have eye surgery on Monday to clear film off my left eye..

IV: Approval of the February 2024 Agenda – Barbara Adams-Latsaras

Motion was made to approve the Agenda after adding CVLI under new business by Roxann and 2nd by Joann. All in favor.

V: Approval of January 2024 Board Minutes – Barbara Adams-Latsaras

Motion by Roxann to approve the January Board Minutes with changes that Joanie sent to Barbara and 2nd by Barbara. All in favor.

VII: Reports

A. Clerks Report (verbal) – 18 adults, 4 children

B. Treasurer's Report – Joanie Baird

a. Tithing – Pension for January 2024 is \$1.75 * 18 members = \$31.50/month.

b. Income – Our current Operating Fund cash balance as of 2/14/24 is about \$8,802 plus two Sunday's estimated total \$600 = \$9,402 Total Less \$3,450 restricted to salary - less

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\$480 restricted for Cost Overruns less \$3000 Reserve = \$2,472 Available less \$753 unpaid February bills leaves \$1,719 unrestricted balance on February 29, 2024, which is not enough to cover Martha's salary, so I am transferring \$2,630 from Salary Reserve, which would bring the unrestricted balance up to \$4,349, less \$2630 March Salary leaves \$1,719 Unrestricted Balance on Mar.1, 2024 for other March expenses. (Adding back reserves \$820 Salary, \$3000 unrestricted and \$480 HVAC contingency = \$6,019 total projected Checking Account balance on March 1, 2024.)

c. Unusual and/or large bills incurred in January 2024: None

Bills February 2024 for Board approval:

a) Electric	\$ 90
b) Gas	\$ 200
c) AT&T	\$ 52
d) Erie WC	\$ 58 Monthly
e) Water	\$ 0
f) Villa Maint Snow	\$ 0
Total Bills	\$399

The Designated Fund loan is paid off December 31, 2023.

- a. There is about \$91 balance in the Bid Repair - Painting Fund (Rainbow Restoration).
- b. HVAC Designated Fund Balance is about \$983.
- c. Balance in the Sign Repair Fund is still about \$2,528.
- d. Checking Balance in the Designated Fund on 12/31/23 was \$9,407 less Age Options Zoom \$16 less Age Options \$73 = \$9,318 plus \$5 paid back from operating = \$9,323 on 2/29/24.

January 2024 assessment = Total income \$1,843 x .02 = about \$37

The Board set a priority for how bills should be paid ongoing. The importance of bills is as follows:

1. Pastor's Salary
2. Church insurance
3. Overdue Utility bills
4. Regular Utility bills

Motion by Roxann to pay February bills as we have the funds and they become dues 2nd by Joanie, all in favor.

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C. Pastor's Report

Worship

Good Friday services will be at Plymouth Place this year, at 7 pm on March 29. Rev. Doreen was our supply preacher on February 1 while I was on a much-needed vacation.

Pastoral Care

We continue to share prayers with the congregation.

Social Action Ministry

Barbara Adams Latsaras continues as our liaison with Share Food Share Love.

Administration

Barbara is working on my contract.

Community Outreach

Pints with the Pastor was well-attended this month (February 8), with four attendees (besides myself). We enjoyed some conversation with dinner, played a round of Singo, and one of us won a game!

The West Suburban Senior Center LGBTQ+ groups (formerly known as SAGE) continues its hybrid meetings.

The Brookfield/LaGrange Ministerium will meet on February 21. We will be discussing the Good Friday service at Plymouth Place.

The proposed project with the US Department of Justice does not seem to be happening, for various complicated reasons. Rev. Jonathan Krogh, Minister Al Banks and I are in agreement that some kind of response team is needed. The three of us will be discussing the next steps for that

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, also by Zoom. On February 27, the presentation will offer suggestions on increasing resiliency—the ability to deal with crises and difficult times. This is especially relevant as we continue to readjust after Covid.

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UFMCC

Several people have contacted me, wanting to work with me on the Spiritual Advocacy Ministry. I am working on setting up a meeting in late February.

Other

Thanks to the Board and Rev. Doreen, I enjoyed a week-long staycation February 5 – 12. I was able to take care of some projects at home, and to relax and enjoy some down time as well

Roxann made a motion to accept all reports and Barbara 2nd. All in Favor,

VIII Continued Items

1. Building and Grounds

A. Nothing

2. Fundraisers

- a. **Trivia** – Ten of us attended Trivia at the VFW. We had a lot of fun. We asked about the pricing and the DJ is \$2250, \$2560 for rental of VFW and each person pays \$10 to play Trivia. They win a gift of their choice. There was also 50/50 and orange paddles that paid out money. Martha will talk with Jen at Pub 78 and we will revisit at a later date.

3. UFMCC –See Martha’s Notes

4. Social Media Coordinator

- a. **Website** - Have changed the website for February. Barbara has continued sending out emails via Constant Contact every week and updated Facebook as needed. Events have been updated in the calendar.

b. VIII. New Business

- a. **Goals and plans for 2024** – Will meet separately.
- b. **CVLI** – Public movie night maybe one and off. Will keep in our back pocket. Right now we will not pay for the rights.
- c. **IX: Executive Session – None**

Closing prayer by Rev. Martha Daniels

Motion to adjourn by Barbara at 9:27 pm 2nd by Roxann.