

Holy Covenant MCC Board Minutes

January 16, 2020

- I: Meeting called to order: 7:18 pm
Present: Sue Calahan (Skype), Joanie Baird, Martha Daniels, Barbara Adams Latsaras
Regrets:
Guests:
- II: Opening Prayer – Barbara Adams Latsaras
- III: Two things that were good that happened to you:
Martha – Good holiday with Ben and traveling to visit friends.
Sue – in Florida visiting and started painting ceramic houses again
Joanie – Saw her daughter and family and started going to the gym again
Roxann – Confident I will own my own home again and more confident at work
Barbara – Won \$50 on scratch off ticket and had a good holiday with family
- IV: Approval of the Agenda – Barbara Adams-Latsaras
- Motion to approve the agenda by Roxann, 2nd by Barbara, all in favor.
- V: Approval of December Board Minutes – Barbara Adams-Latsaras
- Motion to approve the December minutes by Barbara, 2nd by Joanie, Roxann, abstains, all in favor
- VI: Reports
- A. Clerk's Report (verbal)
- a. There are 21 members and 2 children
- B. Treasurer's Report – Joanie Baird
- Tithes update**
- The Dec 2019 assessment was $\$6932 \times .035 = \243 , which has been paid.
 - The 2018 repayment is suspended for now.
- IRS update**
- Received a letter stating they are still looking at our information.
 - January 2020, we paid the IRS & State of IL Ian's withholding and our employer payroll taxes paid was about \$600
- Bills**
- We still owe estimated January Com Ed bill \$100, the estimated Nicor bill \$150, ATT bill \$72, City of Brookfield estimated bill \$150, and Betty's Flowers for \$120. See the Cash Requirements report for details.
 - Everyone agrees for Joanie to pay bills that are due.
 - Our current cash balance as of 1/14/20 is \$2812, plus two Sundays estimated total \$500 plus estimated DQ Bingo \$250 means 1/31/20 balance estimated to be \$3,562. Therefore, we probably will have enough to pay Martha in full on January 26, 2020.

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Insurance

- Joanie received quotes on insurance from Erie Insurance. There was discussion about changing over to Erie and a motion was made to change over to Erie for the insurance. Sue moved and Roxann 2nd. All in favor to change over to Erie. Joanie to contact Rene at Kurland Insurance in Orland Park to inform her that we will be changing over. Barbara will get the paperwork to sign and return to Rene.
- The savings per year is about \$300 and we will be getting more insurance of the building including the garage, flooding and our sump pump which we did not have with Church Mutual.

Unusual Bills

- Unusual current bills for December 2019:
Betty's Flowers \$120 (but which was offset by Misc. income \$150).
- IRS and IL Dept of Revenue about \$600.

C. Pastor's Notes

- a. Motion to split Pastor's compensation between salary and housing allowance.
Moved by Joanie, 2nd by Rox. All in favor.

Worship

- I am still planning on an event for worship leaders (readers, announcements, etc.) in January or early February.
- Holly Blonde will be preaching on Sunday January 26.
- I am working on planning for Lent—there will be a planning meeting on Sunday, Feb 2. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26th.

Pastoral Care

- I responded to various prayer requests, either privately or via the community prayers on Sunday.
- I continue to support the two men in Cook County Jail via prayers, court support, visits, letters, and phone calls.

Social Action Ministry

- Kate Spelman and I are planning two "listening posts" for her to get a better idea of the needs of the LGBTQ+ senior community—Sunday January 19 after worship at the potluck, and Thursday, January 30 at 7 pm. Barb has been instrumental in advertising them.
- We may work with First Congregational of LaGrange, alternating meeting dates or something along those lines

Education/Formation

- Financial Peace University, a faith-based financial health program, will finish up February 9. We've had some breaks with the holidays and people travelling and so on.
- I am looking into a couple of books for a possible Lent study.

Administration

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Board training meeting this Saturday. If the weather doesn't let us meet, can we set up a weeknight to do the essentials?

Community Outreach

- I met with the clergy group for lunch. There are four upcoming events to note:
- **Sunday, January 19, 3 pm** at Nazareth Academy (1209 W. Ogden Ave): "King in the Wilderness" movie about Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (free)
- **Monday, January 20, 10 am:** Interfaith Prayer breakfast for Martin Luther King Day, LaGrange Community Center (200 Washington Ave, LaGrange)
- **Saturday, February 29, 12:30 pm:** Founder's Day Banquet, Davis African Methodist Episcopal Church, at Crystal Sky Banquets (7941 W. 47th St., McCook). Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door. Contact Sister Corine Thomas, 708-354-7574 to order.
- **Saturday April 18:** Earth Day Fair in LaGrange—a movie in the morning, displays and crafts in the afternoon. More information to come.
- Emmanuel Episcopal is collecting comfort items for Australian animals—they will be blessed in service on February 16. Patterns and instructions for the items (sewn, crocheted, knitted) are on the Facebook page Rescue Craft Co.
- Diversity movies will continue in March, April, and May (first Friday of the month) at Lyons Township High School South.
- Other ministerium dates to note:
- Good Friday service will be at First Congregational Church of LaGrange, 6 Cossit Ave, on April 10 at 7 pm.
- Thanksgiving service will be at First United Methodist of LaGrange, date and time to be determined.

MCC

No news

Revitalization Team

- I'm meeting with Mary Ann Latsaras and Amanda Bradley (Doyle Chappell's daughter) later this month to talk about additional art in the sanctuary. Possibilities include a fresco in the alcove behind the altar and a labyrinth on the floor.
- We are also looking into more artwork in the sanctuary, with Mary Ann Latsaras and Amanda Bradley (Doyle Chappell's daughter). Possibilities include a fresco in the alcove behind the altar and a labyrinth on the floor.

Other

I'll be working almost exclusively on the grant project next week. I'll be catching up on reading, working on some accounting, refiguring the timeline, re-contacting people to distribute the survey, and starting to write the report.

February 2nd will be a meeting of the worship team after church for lent. All congregants will be invited to participate.

Motion to accept the reports by Rox, 2nd by Sue. All in favor.

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VII: Continued Items

A. Buildings and Grounds

a. Chimney, sensor light, front door (Grant Ave) light.

- Chimney tabled until Spring.
- Sensor light and front door light tabled till March

b. Snow removal

- Kathy F and Bob A. have volunteered to shovel the snow when needed
- Handicapped sign to be repaired in the Spring
- Two parking stops were donated by Barbara for the church to use. They will be installed in the Spring when the ground unfreezes.

B. Fundraisers

a. Drag Queen Bingo

January 26 – Rox will be the lead.

February - None

March 22nd – Barbara will be the lead

Dates for next few months: April 5th, May 24th, June 14th, July 12th

b. Zanies – Will donate 150 tickets for us to sell at our cost. The shows are at 8pm on Wednesday and Thursdays'. There is two drinks minimum and it is at the Zanies in Rosemont. The Zanies logo has to appear in our flyers and tickets, and they need approval. Roxann will follow up further with them but a preliminary date is June 11th.

c. Spring Dance – Roxann will be the lead and it slated for May 16th.

d. Garage Sale is slated for May 30th with a rain date of June 13th.

C. UFMCC News

- In Pastor's notes

D. Social Media Coordinator

- Still posting on all social media platforms. Calendars and website have been updated.

E. Revitalization Program

- Still Working on it

H. Event Form

- Form was made fillable and will be revised with a few changes and added to the website

VIII: New Business

A. Spring Craft Show - Tabled until February. Rox and Martha will work on it.

IX: Executive Session if needed (Closed) None

Closing Prayer – Sue Calahan

Motion to adjourn by Rox, 2nd by Sue. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm