

Holy Covenant MCC Board Minutes
January 20, 2022
Via Zoom

I: Meeting called to order: 7:27 pm

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

Regrets:

Guests:

II: Opening Prayer – Barbara Adams Latsaras

III: Check-In:

- Barbara – Is now working PT for a lawyer, Gracie is doing good and Mar is in pain from her back.
- Joanie – Work is still the same, she did not have a flat tire so all is good.
- Martha – Had back spasms earlier this week so she took some meds. Her trip to Louisville for her grant will be via Zoom because of Covid. She will be out of touch for a few days at the end of the month.
- Roxann – is feeling better from COVID, still tired but getting better.

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

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

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

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

VI: Reports

A. Clerks Report – 21 adults, 2 children

- a. Mailed a new list of Board members contact information to the Fire Department for their records.
- b. Bomba socks will be sending out our 2021 order sometime in February. They will then send out information for the 2022 order soon.

B. Treasurer's Report – Joanie Baird

Tithing – December 2021 assessment \$7,781 x .035 = \$272, 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.

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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.

Income – In December 2021 we had total Operating revenue of \$7,781 and expenses of \$3,531, so we had a Net Gain of \$4,250 for December 2021.

Our current Operating Fund cash balance as of 1/19/22 was about \$6,550, plus two Sunday's estimated total \$600 = \$7,150 Available, Less \$552 January unpaid bills leaves 1/31/22 Operating Fund checking account balance estimated to be \$4,098 after paying Martha's salary for February (\$2500).

This Operating cash balance is after transferring \$200 to Landscaping Fund (for snow removal) and \$4700 to the HVAC Fund.

Bills December 2021 which were approved already via email:

a) Electric	\$100	Estimate
b) Est. Gas	\$250	Actual
c) AT&T	\$ 52	Fiber for internet
d) Erie Insurance	\$ 341	Monthly
e) Water, sewer	\$ 150	
Total Bills	\$ 902	

Flood repair Designated Fund balance is about \$8 as of 12/31/21.
Landscaping Designated Fund balance is \$210 after spending \$90 in January 2022 for snow removal and salting.

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

C. Pastor's Report

Worship

We returned to live-streaming worship as of January 2. We have had some issues with Facebook Live, which may be due to technical issues due to my internet connection or may be a Facebook problem, it is unclear. We are working to resolve it.

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Worship (cont)

On December 19, we baptized two people (1 adult and 1 child). Another baptism is planned for February 6, 2022, and I am assuming we will be back in person for that. Rev. Nilsa Irizarry will be guest-preaching on January 30 via livestream.

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 donated funds to a La Grange family which lost their home in a fire shortly before Christmas.

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.

Community Outreach

SAGE continues to meet by Zoom on Fridays at 1 pm. The renovations at the senior center have been held up by supply chain issues, but they are hoping to have them completed by early February.

The Brookfield/LaGrange Ministerium met January 19; however, I did not attend due to illness.

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 January 25 at 11 via Zoom, and the topic will be budgeting help for seniors—discounts, freebies, and so on. Our small group will meet February 3 at 7 pm. Kate Spelman is on maternity leave; Jason Echols will be facilitating the program while Kate is gone. And for the record, Kate had Benedict on January 7; both are doing well.

Revitalization Team

I continue to meet with Rev. Dexter.

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UFMCC

I continue to participate in the Thriving in Ministry program. I have registered for the retreat in October and am researching options for a retreat in the spring, probably in may.

Louisville Institute Grant

The required consultancy for the grant has been moved online. So, I will be spending most of the day online January 31- February 2.

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.

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

VII Continued Items

A. Building and Grounds

1. Roof Repairs

The claim has been put through Erie Insurance. The issue is getting Erie, Antwain and the engineer at the building on the same day with good weather to take a look. Mary Ann is working with them all to get a good date.

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.

B. Fundraisers

a. Drag Queen Bingo – Tabled until February as we cannot find a Drag Queen plus because of COVID.

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

C. UFMCC News - North Central Network Gathering /Milwaukee Anniversary Celebration

There was a report on a way forward for MCC's on Zoom about racial reconciliation. There were comments made on pathways to healing.

Nomination forms for the governing board is available and will be held next summer.

D. Social Media Coordinator

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

Our website hosting with Siteground will end in 2025 as we paid twice for it last year. Barbara negotiated with Siteground to add the 2nd payment so the hosting is paid up until 2025. Domain names still will need to be paid yearly or every two years depending on the name.

E. Revitalization Program

See the Pastor notes above.

F. Planning for the Future

- a. Back to in-person criteria – we will stay virtual until February 6th.
- b. Wedding – Rev. Martha has been approached to do a wedding in June. She has to contact the couple to see what their requirements are. She will be speaking to them next week.

VIII New Business

IX: Executive Session

None

Closing prayer by Joanie Baird

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm moved by Barbara and 2nd by Roxann,
All in favor.