

Holy Covenant MCC Board Minutes

June 2018

- I: Meeting called to order: 7:20 pm
Present: Martha Daniels, Barbara Adams Latsaras, Joanie Baird
Regrets: Sue Calahan
Guests:
- II: Opening Prayer – Martha Daniels
- III: Check in: Martha was approved for contact visits at prison with inmates. Good for confidential spiritual discussion. Joanie is good and is thankful for a good job. Barbara is good.
- IV: Approval of the Agenda – Barbara Adams Latsaras
- Motion to approve the agenda by Martha, seconded by Sue, all in favor.
- V: Approval of May 2018 Board Minutes - Barbara Adams Latsaras
- Addition to the New Business Section for AA Meetings approved.
 - Motion to approve the minutes by Barbara, seconded by Joanie, all in favor.
- A. Clerk's Report (verbal) – Barbara Adams Latsaras
- Still at 29 members
- B. Treasurer
- Financial outlook is not good. Income was low for May and the dance helped to pay the bills. We may not have enough money to pay August payroll for Martha and Ian. Looking to have the Drag Queen Bingo and Garage sale to help with finances. May need to have the garage sale inside.
 - Motion to approve the Clerk and Treasurer reports by Barbara, 2nd by Martha, all in favor.
- VIII: Continued Items
- A. Buildings and Grounds**
- Tabled until July
- B. Drag Queen Bingo**
- Wednesday, July 11th will be the next Drag Queen Bingo at Forest View. Will check with Topher to make sure the date is okay with him.
- C. UFMCC News**
- Released statement on SCOTUS cake ruling and situation at border about the children being taken away from their families.
- D. Social Media Coordinator**
- Website updated for June
 - Facebook updated for June events

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- Added to Facebook and website photos of Holy Covenant marching in the first Aurora Pride Parade on June 17th . Have had new views and hits to the website after the posting.
- Posted to Twitter about handing out the Pride coloring book by Dr. Ron Holt and also tagged Dr. Holt with them. He re-tweeted and liked our post and we had additional likes and re-tweets from his followers.

E. Pastor's Notes

- International Mr. Leather Memorial service was attended by 25-30 people and raised about \$125 for the Youth Center at the Center on Halsted.
- The summer sermon series is in the planning stages; it will be a set of paired passages, one a “clobber” passage, and the other a supportive passage.
- Holly Blonde and Andrew Hillum have volunteered to facilitate the Social Action ministry.
- The Board has to decided whether to again be a shelter site in the fall for BEDS.
- Share Food, Share Love is doing good. There have been some new improvements in the “shopping” area, with new cabinetry and countertops. This allows for more storage, less running back and forth to restock.
- Pastoral Care has nothing to report.
- UFMCC - Martha has reluctantly decided to step back from facilitating the Bi/Pan working group. She will be sharing this with Jared next week at her regularly scheduled conversation and will be working with him to find a new facilitator. With the work she is doing at HC, and some other work she is doing for MCC, she had to decide what she needed to do and what someone else could do.
- Other work Martha is doing came after a conversation with Rev. Elder Rachelle Brown and is around promoting prison ministry and supporting people who are involved in it or want to be. MCC does not have anyone whose work is prison chaplaincy, nor who does prison ministry as a regular part of their work. She is getting involved with it as a form of justice work for MCC. She has begun a Facebook group to support MCC clergy and lay leaders who are involved already in supporting prisoners or who are interested in doing so. She would like to look at ways to involve faith groups, especially Open and Affirming faith groups, in supporting LGBTQ+ people who are incarcerated.
- She continues to attend the SAGE luncheons about twice a month.
- Martha attends Indivisible Brookfield when she can.
- All Together Under the Sun joint summer worship (in conjunction with Summerfest) is August 5, 2018, 10:30 am at Gordon Park in LaGrange.
- Davis Memorial AME Church is applying to for Historic register status as one of the first and most important black churches in Western Cook County. Signatures on their petition from other local congregations would be helpful, and the petition will be forthcoming.
- Plymouth place is looking for people with friendly pets (all kinds-cats, dogs, gerbils anything pettable; they don't have to be therapy certified) who could be willing to come visit the residents at Plymouth Place.

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- Pints with the Pastor has continued. Summer dates are July 2nd and August 7th.
- Will be writing a peace for Pastoral is Political on July 16, 2018.
- Martha's work with LGGBTQ+ who are incarcerated continues including Black and Pink (pen pal and court support), her ministry with two men in Cook County Jail and their families. She is delaying work on getting a progressive worship service into Cook County Jail until she can get more clergy involved.

F. Revitalization Program

- Call was on June 21st with three churches on revitalization. We are doing better than other churches. Feel good about it as we have life in our church.

G. Beds

- Will table Beds discussion for the fall until July.

H. Policy Review

- Tabled

I. Aurora Pride

- Went well and had nine people participate and march in Aurora. We will want to do it again in 2019.
- Handed out Pride coloring books and beads with our business cards attached.
- Martha walked with her clergy stole on a 90 degree day. Will not hand out beads next year.

IX: New Business

- A. AA Meeting on Tuesday Nights - New group wants to meet at HC on Tuesday nights.
Motion to approve the AA meeting by Joanie, seconded by Martha, all in favor.

Executive Session if needed (closed)

- A. Pastor's Contract - Tabled until July
- B. Pastoral Review - Tabled until July

Closing Prayer – Barbara Adams Latsaras

Meeting adjourned – 9:10 pm