

Holy Covenant MCC Board Minutes
June 15, 2023
Via Zoom

I: Meeting called to order: 7:11 pm
Present: Joanie Baird, Martha Daniels, Barbara Adams Latsaras,
Roxann Victory
Regrets:
Guests:

II: Opening Prayer – Roxann Victory

III: Check-In:

- Barbara – Had knee replacement on the 13th with nerve blocks.
- Joanie – Had a good talk with her boss. Some items of concern were fixed and everything is getting better. Keeping in touch with her daughter and grandchildren
- Martha – Saw Dr and her numbers are very good.
- Roxann – Sister Steph's birthday was today. She would have been 36.

IV: Approval of the June 2023 Agenda – Barbara Adams-Latsaras

Motion was made to approve the Agenda by Martha as amended with dance under Fundraiser and 2nd by Barbara. All in favor.

V: Approval of May 2023 Board Minutes – Barbara Adams-Latsaras

Motion by Martha to approve the May Board Minutes, 2nd by Barbara. All in favor.

VI: Reports

A. Clerks Report – 22 adults, 4 children. Letters should be sent to those missing 30-days and start the cleaning up of the membership. Martha will work on it.

B. Treasurer's Report – Joanie Baird

a. Tithing – May 2023 assessment = Adjusted income = \$2,895 x .02 = about \$60.

b. Income – Our current Operating Fund cash balance as of 6/13/23 is about \$12,596 plus two Sunday's estimated total \$600 = \$13,196 Available - \$3,450 restricted to salary = \$9,746 less \$2500 May Salary less \$671 unpaid June bills leaves \$6,575 (excluding \$450 reserved for salary) on July 1, 2023

In May 2023 we had Net Operating revenue of \$2,985 and expenses of \$3,296 so we had Net Shortfall of about only \$-311 for May 2023.

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Unusual and/or large bills incurred in May 2023: None

Bills May 2023 for Board approval:

a) Electric	\$ 100 Est
b) Gas	\$ 150 Est
c) AT&T	\$ 52
d) Erie WC	\$ 48 Monthly
e) Northfield Insurance	\$ 321
<u>Total Bills</u>	<u>\$ 671</u>

Total owed by the Operating Fund to the Designated Fund is \$4,200.

New Checking Balance in the Designated Fund on 5/17/23 is \$2,961, which includes \$198 donated in April for repainting rainbows and net of about \$78 Thrive with Pride expenses. This leaves about \$91 balance in the Building Repair – Painting Fund.

Flood repair Designated Fund balance is still \$8 as of 11/17/22.

HVAC Designated Fund Balance is about \$983.

The payment plan for the combined Dec/Jan Nicor bill has now been paid in full.

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

There was general discussion about having only one signature on checks. After discussion it was decided that we will continue to have 2 signatures on each check.

Martha asked Joanie to get in a draft budget for 2024 by August Board Meeting.

Motion by Roxann to pay May bills in total, Barbara 2nd and all in favor.

C. Pastor's Report

Worship

Jim Ulisse and I participated in the IML service on May 28. We had attendance of about 10 people. For one person, this was his introduction to MCCs—we gave him information on

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MCCs in his country (not the US), and welcomed him. He was so happy to find a church where he could go as himself—a leather man.

For Father's Day, we are planning a video of fathers and father-stand-ins in the congregation. I will include a prayer in the community prayers for all fathers and all children, recognizing that not everyone has or had a good relationship with their fathers or their children.

The Worship Team is meeting on Tuesday, June 20 via Zoom. We'll be looking at summer plans.

Rev, Nilsa preached on June 11. Rev. Al Banks (Davis Memorial AME Church, La Grange) will be preaching on July 30th.

Pastoral Care

The community prayers continue. I continue to support the two men in Cook County Jail. I will project a resolution sometime this summer. I continue to be available for congregational support as needed.

Holly Blonde has been reaching out to people we haven't seen in a while, just keeping them up to date and ensuring they know they are welcome to return anytime

Social Action Ministry

Barbara Adams Latsaras is our lead on this right now, with her active participation at Share Food Share Love. I hope to spend a Saturday there in July.

Administration

I am generally in the church office one or two days a week, most often Wednesdays and Thursdays. I am hoping to take a couple of Sundays off this summer, depending on the availability of pulpit supply.

Community Outreach

SAGE—now West Suburban Senior Center or WSSC-- continues to meet by Zoom; and now in person also (hybrid) on Fridays at 1 pm.

LaGrange Ministerium will be meeting next week to plan the All Together Under the Sun event taking place on the first Sunday in August, the 6th. We are to supply a couple of ushers for that.

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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 via Zoom

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(next meeting June 1).

The next large group meeting will be June 27th at 11 am, via Zoom, to discuss Parkinson's in the LGBTQ+ community. The next café (small group) will be Thursday, July 6, at 7 pm (possibly in person or hybrid).

Education and Formation

I have a couple of books under consideration (The Choices She Made and Demon Copperfield), and also thinking about movies for the summer.

UFMCC

I have been attending Tea Time with the Elders on the third Tuesday of the month at 4 pm CT.

A seminar of note: Next Thursday, June 22, Rev. Lori McPherson and Rev. Emma Chattin will be presenting a seminar on "Trans* Health Care Bans and Bathroom bans." Rev. Lori is an attorney and genderqueer MCC pastor; Rev. Emma is a transwoman pastor (both are good friends of mine). The seminar is free on Zoom and will be recorded and available later. There's a seminar tonight as well—also recorded and available later.

Louisville Institute Grant

Many thanks to the Board and Rev. Nilsa for stepping up so that I could take (most) of last week off to focus on the research and writing for my grant paper. I was able to make real progress.

Other

The church received a hateful email via our contact form on the church website. I contacted Det. Bandola, who sent an officer to take a report—I forwarded the email to him as well. We also received a vaguely threatening post on one of our Facebook posts in the Brookfield Connections group. I took screenshots, contacted Det. Bandola, and made a report at the station, which was taken by Officer Harrison (who took the report of the vandalism). The police are familiar with the individual responsible for the post. I am pleased the Brookfield Police Department is following up and tracking these incidents.

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

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VII Continued Items

A. Building and Grounds

A. Siding/Roof Replacement – Mary Ann Latsaras

Waiting on approval from the umpire

B. Fundraisers

- a. **Spring Dance** – Dance was held on June 10th. There was about 15 people and only 1 was not from the congregation. We netted about \$900. The Board will discuss if there will be any future dances.

C. UFMCC - None

D. Social Media Coordinator

- a. **Website** - Have changed the website for June Pride Month, continued Constant Contact every week and updated Facebook as needed. Events have been updated in the calendar.

We need to ratify for pay in advance for Constant Contact. We paid \$168 for 1-year and since we prepay we received a 30% discount which makes it \$14 a month. Motion to pay by Joanie and 2nd by Roxann. All in favor.

F. Planning For The Future/Painting

VIII. New Business

- A. Play “Five Lesbians Eating a Quiche” (Mosaic Players); proposed collaboration between HC & MP; one act play of 75 minutes, with Q & A afterwards; cost of \$450. HC sells tickets to recoup cost (we keep profits), suitable for teens and adults; artistic director is Allison Fradkin**

After discussion the Board decided not to take advantage of this opportunity. We would have to sell at least 18 tickets at \$25 apiece to break even.

IX: Executive Session - None

Closing prayer by Rev. Martha Daniels

Motion to adjourn at 8:19 pm moved by Roxann and 2nd by Barbara.