

## Holy Covenant MCC Board Agenda March 21, 2019

- I: Meeting called to order:
  - Present:
  - Regrets:
  - Guests:
  
- II: Opening Prayer – Joanie Baird
  
- III: Check in:
  
- IV: Approval of the Agenda – Barbara Adams-Latsaras
  
- V: Approval of December Board Minutes – Barbara Adams-Latsaras
  
- VI. Presentation by Kimberly McCahill, AgeOptions
  
- VI: Reports
  - A. Clerk’s Report (verbal)
  
  - B. Treasurer’s Report – Joanie Baird
    - a. Signatures update
    - b. Tithes update
    - c. AT&T credit update
  
  - C. Pastor’s Notes
  
- VII: Continued Items
  - A. Buildings and Grounds —Spring cleanup date?
  
  - B. Fundraisers
    - Drag Queen Bingo (March 24, April 14, May 26)
  
  - C. UFMCC News
  
  - D. Social Media Coordinator
  
  - E. Revitalization Program
  
- VIII: New Business
  - A. Pride (Aurora and Buffalo Grove)
  
  - B. Copier contract
  
  - C. Administrative tasks

D. Attendance and collection software – Barbara & Roxann

IX: Executive Session if needed (Closed)

Closing Prayer – Sue Calahan

Meeting adjourned

Information received from Ms. McCahill about the proposal:

Based on research identifying a clear need, AgeOptions proposes a unique and powerful program to target an isolated and underserved population which experiences higher rates of health disparities – the LGBTQ older adult population. We will work with faith-based and community organizations to develop "Rainbow Cafés" that will provide an opportunity for LGBTQ caregivers and care partners to join peers on a regular basis to access needed resources and support.

There will be several aspects to our programming.

First, to prevent social isolation which has detrimental impact on health, we will provide a safe a gathering place where LGBT older adults can feel comfortable being themselves.

Second, we will provide culturally competent presentations where the LGBT older adults can ask questions that relates to their own circumstance on issues such as Benefits Access, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid 101; Planning for Retirement including Healthcare Power of Attorney; End of Life issues and family dynamics; Caregiving and Dementia, etc. After the presentations, staff will help participants with individual questions and may assist with the application process and follow up. Our goal is that participants can maximize their own income and assets, so they do not need to have to make tough decisions regarding expenses like healthcare.

Third, we will have Caregiver Support and information. We will offer series of evidence-based Caregiver sessions.

Fourth, AgeOptions will offer evidence-based health programs that teach people to take charge of their own health. It is especially important that people feel comfortable sharing their personal stories when they discuss things like how to talk to your physician.

Fifth, AgeOptions will share LGBT friendly healthcare resources and post them on our website. AgeOptions will partner with engage LGBTQ friendly faith-based organizations in the development of the program. AgeOptions will host the cafés, create programming, conduct outreach and presentations, provide resources and follow up to ensure services are accessed.

Overtime, the activities will be shaped by the attendees themselves. In addition,

AgeOptions will provide caregiver information and resources to the faith-based organizations in order to benefit all members.