

Holy Covenant MCC Board Minutes
March 17, 2022
Via Zoom

I: Meeting called to order: 7:26 pm

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

Regrets:

Guests: Mary Ann Latsaras

II: Opening Prayer – Rev. Martha Daniels

III: Check-In:

- Barbara – Okay
- Joanie – Mostly good, work okay
- Martha – Okay
- Roxann – Bought dinner, thank you from the Board
- Mary Ann - Okay

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

Motion was made to change the Agenda to February Board minutes and accept the agenda with the changes by Roxann moved and 2nd by Joanie.
All in favor.

V: Approval of February 2022 Board Minutes – Barbara Adams-Latsaras

Motion to approve the February minutes by Roxann, 2nd by Roxann, all in favor.

VI: Reports

A. Clerks Report – 21 adults, 2 children

B. Treasurer's Report – Joanie Baird

a. Tithing – March 2022 assessment $\$1,859 \times .035 = \65 , which has been paid.
2018 Assessment repayment is suspended for now.

b. IRS UPDATE – Was paid and was received by IRS. Received the green postcard from USPS back that it was received.

c. 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.

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d. Income – In February 2022 we had total Operating revenue of \$1,859 and expenses of \$3,822, so we had a Net Loss of (\$1,729) for February 2022. Our current Operating Fund cash balance as of 3/15/22 is about \$2,912, plus two Sunday's estimated total \$600 = \$3,512 Available, Less \$582 March unpaid bills leave 3/31/22 Operating Fund checking account balance estimated to be only \$430 after paying Martha's salary for April (\$2500).

This Operating cash balance is after transferring \$225 to Landscaping Fund (for snow removal) and about \$10 to the HVAC Fund.

Bills March 2022 for Board approval:

a) Electric	\$ 80 Estimated
b) Est. Gas	\$300 Estimated
c) AT&T	\$ 52 Fiber for internet
d) Erie Insurance	\$ 355 Monthly
e) Water, sewer	\$ 150
<u>Total Bills</u>	<u>\$ 937</u>

Flood repair Designated Fund balance is about \$8 as of 2/28/22.

Landscaping Designated Fund balance is \$75 after receiving \$225 in February after spending \$280 in Feb MTD for snow removal and salting.

HVAC Designated Fund Balance is about \$6,861 including the Feb 2022 income of \$10.

We are to stop accepting money through Every.org as they charge us \$19.95 every month for it. We need to call the congregant and have them change to PayPal for their donation.

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

C. Pastor's Report

Worship

The baptism originally scheduled for February 6 was postponed to April 10 (which is also Palm Sunday).

I have a wedding scheduled for June 26 at 4 pm (yes, a Sunday) at another venue. Our Ash Wednesday service went well—we had about 10 for the worship service and two individuals came by for ashes before the service.

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The Worship Team is planning for Palm Sunday, and Easter. Rev. Nilsa Irizarry will be leading worship on April 24, and Jim Ulisse will be leading worship on May 22

Pastoral Care

I continue to support the two men in Cook County Jail. I continue to be available for support as needed.

Social Action Ministry

We have submitted the request form for a 2022 donation of Bomba socks.

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. A reminder that I am "on call" for First Congregational Church of LaGrange during the weeks of March 21 – 27 and April 11 – 17 for any funerals that may be needed. Rev. Carly Stucklen-Sather is on sabbatical.

Community Outreach

SAGE continues to meet by Zoom on Fridays at 1 pm. The plan at this time is to return to in-person meetings (hopefully including lunch) on March 18. I will keep you updated on this.

The Brookfield/LaGrange Ministerium met yesterday, March 16. I'll pass on verbally information received at that meeting

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 March 22 at 11 via Zoom, and the topic will be a review of legislation pending in Illinois that may affect seniors and/or the LGBTQ+ community..

Revitalization Team

I continue to meet with Rev. Dexter. The Holy Covenant Revitalization team is setting up a meeting date.

UFMCC

I continue to participate in the Thriving in Ministry program, meeting on a monthly basis with my mentor

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Louisville Institute Grant

My focus now is reading and preparing a workshop for General Conference, as well as setting up interviews with individuals in other denominations who work with people on the inside.

Rev. Nilsa will be our supply preacher for April 24.

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

VII Continued Items

A. Building and Grounds

a. Roof Repairs

Mary Ann is waiting on better weather to have Erie and others come inspect.

b. Air Conditioner Repairs

There was a discussion of the quote for the AC/air Handler being installed by One Season Heating and Cooling in N. Riverside. All are okay to have them do the installation.

The Board asked Barbara to put up a Go Fund Me for the additional money that is needed to pay for the AC install. We are in need of \$739.00 plus the permit fee of \$150.00. Barbara is to put on Facebook, Website and Instagram.

c. Spring Clean-up

Mary Ann has designated April 2nd as the day for spring clean-up of the grounds. The rain date is April 9th.

Motion to accept the A/C quote using the ADP handler from One Season Heating & Cooling. Roxann moved and Joanie 2nd. All in favor. Barb will contact Bill and inform him of the decision and get the permit paperwork going.

B. Fundraisers

a. Drag Queen Bingo – Martha has contacted someone and is waiting to hear back from them.

b. Plant Sales – Mary Ann wants to put grow lights in the church garage and put them on timers. She also needs some egg cartons and would like to have it put

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into the newsletter. Wants cardboard only not foam or plastic type. She is looking into Hydroponics. The Farmers Almanac suggests to plant in our area May 15th.

c. Garage Sale – Will put out a feeler to see if anyone wants to run the garage sale. Date for the garage sale is May 14th from 9am to 2 pm, with the rain date

d. Dance – Hold off until the fall.

e. Arts & Crafts Fair – Looking to have an arts & crafts show with the fall garage sale. We need to look into how we can close off Grant St. to have the vendors in the street. Call needed to be made to Brookfield Village.

C. UFMCC – See Pastor’s notes

D. Social Media Coordinator

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

a. Discussion to approve an ad in the Brookfield Landmark with Age Options designated funds of \$195. Joanie moves and Roxann 2nds, all in favor.

E. Revitalization Program

See the Pastor notes above. Tabled until April meeting.

F. Planning for the Future

There is a new variant showing up, so we make decisions according to the state regulations.

G. CCLI License

Roxann talked with them, and we cannot use YouTube during our services. Master recordings need to be used. The regular CCLI license is \$66 and a motion to pay for a regular license is by Roxann and is 2nd by Barbara. All in favor.

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VIII New Business

A. Coalition of Churches membership –

Discussion on whether to join again. We did back in September 2019 for \$25.00. We need to renew. Roxann motions to become a member and is 2nd by Joanie. All in favor. Barbara will fill out the form and send in the \$25 to join.

B. Aurora Pride Parade

The cost is \$50 to join the parade. Barbara motions to apply for the Aurora Pride Parade and Roxann 2nd. All in favor. An invoice will be sent if we are accepted. Unsure of whom was going to apply.

IX: Executive Session

None

Closing prayer by Barbara Adams Latsaras

Motion to adjourn at 10:01 pm moved by Barbara and 2nd by Roxann,
All in favor.