

Holy Covenant MCC Board Minutes September 2018

- I: Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm
Present: Martha Daniels, Barbara Adams Latsaras, Joanie Baird, Sue Calahan
Regrets:
Guests:
- II: Opening Prayer – Rev. Martha Daniels
- III: Check in: Everyone is good.
- IV: Approval of the Agenda – Barbara Adams Latsaras
- Added an item to New Business Niki Conway Financial Class
 - Motion to approve the agenda by Sue Calahan, seconded by Barbara Adams Latsaras, all in favor.
- V: Approval of July 2018 Board Minutes - Barbara Adams Latsaras
- Motion to approve the minutes by Sue Calahan, seconded by Joanie Baird, all in favor.
- A. Clerk's Report (verbal) – Barbara Adams Latsaras
- We now have 25 members
 - Will need a list of members for the November Congregational Meeting on 11/11/18
 - Meeting notes are in the file cabinet in the Admin office for future reference
- B. Treasurer
- Financial outlook is still very iffy. Church is continuing to have financial issues and the Board is working diligently to get a healthy cash flow coming into the church. We are now paying Martha Daniels a few times a month instead of all at once.
 - Board is looking forward to having Drag Queen Bingo on 10/24. Rummage sale brought in some money. Garage sale will be 9/29.
 - Joanie showed the Board some budgets with options for 2019 with various scenarios.
 - With the information that Joanie gave Barbara, an email went out to 182 people which brought in about \$725 from donors who do not come to church.
 - Barbara will look at converting the church from an AT&T phone to an internet provider to save money as the phone bill is close to \$70 a month.
 - Motion to approve the Clerk and Treasurer reports by Barbara, second by Sue, all in favor.
- VIII: Continued Items
- A. Buildings and Grounds
- There will be a cleaning of the church on Saturday afternoon 11/3 a week before the dance and Rocky Horror Picture Show
 - Get new mats for the bathroom and doors. Barbara will investigate purchasing them.

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B. Drag Queen Bingo

- Drag Queen Bingo scheduled for October 24th. Joanie and Martha will bring the items to Forest View. Rest of the Board will help.

C. UFMCC News

- Saturday Network Meeting at A Church 4 Me – Sponsored by HC & A Church 4 Me. HC to supply water, pop, grapes, fruit. Barbara and Susan will get those items and bring them on Saturday.
- Will need camp chairs, bring two. Barbara will pick-up Rev. Mona from McCormick Place hotel and bring her to the church for the meeting and then drop her off afterwards.
- UFMCC looking for people on Governing Board

D. Social Media Coordinator

- Website updated for September
- Facebook updated with September events
- Google Calendar has been updated.
- Good open rate on church emails through Constant Contact.
- We now have a YouTube channel and will upload video to the site then link through the site to YouTube.
- Will look for a podcast site for the audio sermon recordings.

E. Pastor's Notes

- Planning for the fall services and will meet with the Worship Team early October
- We will have a Guest Preacher on October 21st Rev. Jason Lydon from Black & Pink
- SAM held the rummage sale on 9/15 and netted about \$566. They continue to volunteer at Share Food, Share Love twice a month. At the last meeting there was some discussion about accountability from Pilsen/Night Ministry group. No conclusion reached; difficulty in getting a response from the lead for that group.
- Visited with Steve M. at home after his return from the hospital. There was communication with Jim his husband during his hospital stay. They may need some help with transporting to and from the hospital for dialysis.
- UFMCC – about 30 people from various churches will attend the Network Gathering. In attendance will be HC, MCC Detroit, Milwaukee MCC, MCC Iliana, Heartland MCC, Reconciliation MCC and Divine Peace MCC. We do expect more to register at the door.
- Martha will be serving on an ordination committee Friday night and has been asked to serve on another during the week of 10/8 and will travel to Detroit for the meeting. This involves reading the candidate's evaluations and reviews, statements of faith and call and other items. It is difficult and sometimes a harrowing task, to be a gatekeeper like that, but it's exhilarating to be the seal of joy when they are approved.

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- Pints with the Pastor is continuing every other Monday through October. Attendance has not been good. People like the idea but few come. Martha may take a break until January.
- Brookfield/LaGrange clergy group meet on Wednesday 9/19 and show some interest with joining together as solar energy cooperative in Community Solar. Will need to supply two or three months' worth of electric bills, which can be redacted to just show the kilowatts. This will enroll us in a cooperative, receiving solar energy from a solar "farm" downstate.
- Attending SAGE twice a month when available
- Thanksgiving service will be November 18th at 7pm. This will be held at First Congregational of LaGrange.
- Expanding the Circle (racial reconciliation in LaGrange/Brookfield) program planning is continuing. The first film will be on January 11, 2019 at Lyons Township High School.
- Beds Plus needs locations in southwest Cook County (Oak Lawn, Hickory Hills, Alsip, Palos Park).
- Martha's work with LGBTQ+ people who are incarcerated continues, including her work with Black and Pink (pen pal and court support). Her ministry with two men in Cook County Jail and their families.
- Marha submitted her grant application to the Louisville Institute, my letters of reference were also submitted. Barbara submitted the church's institutional support form, so now she waits for the snail mail. They will inform the awardees in early November by letter.

F. Revitalization Program

- No report

G. Beds

- Beds has decided to go with another place that is handicap accessible and with more space.

H. By-Laws/Policy Review

- Policy review showed no changes were necessary, so no changes were made
- Sue and Martha met and revised Article VI – Local Church Administrative Body for voting at the Congregational Meeting in November.

VIII: New Business

- A. Dates requested by Mary Ann Latsaras for her painting classes are:
 - 10/6/10/20, 10/27 painting your Spirituality
 - 11/3, 11/17 Painting your Love, Peace and Joy
 - 12/1, 12/8, 12/15 – Painting for Gift Giving
 - 1/5, 1/12, 1/19 – Painting Your Vision Board
 - 2/2, 2/9, 2/16 – Painting Your Love

Motion to approve the dates Joanie, 2nd by Sue, Barbara abstained. Motion was passed.

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B. Niki Conway Financial Advisor – Niki has requested to have a 9-week course on managing money and will give a love offering to the church. It would be 90-minutes and held on Monday nights 10/22 to 12/17 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.
Motion to approve by Barbara and was seconded by Joanie. Sue abstained. Motion was approved.

C. Regular meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm

Executive session started at 9:23 pm

IX: Executive Session if needed (closed)

A. Pastoral Review – Needs to be done before the Congregational Meeting

Executive Meeting adjourned – 9:31 pm

Closing prayer: Susan Calahan