

Holy Covenant MCC Board Minutes
September 15, 2022
In person

I: Meeting called to order: 7:15 pm

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

Regrets:

Guests:

II: Opening Prayer – Barbara Adams Latsaras

III: Check-In:

- Barbara – Mary Ann is still in the hospital. Hopefully she will be released on Friday.
- Joanie – Her co-worker had good things to say with Joanie. Joanie has a high-school reunion on 9/23/22 in Muncie, IN.
- Martha – Good interview with Nancy Wilson for my grant. I had dinner with my son Ben tonight. Looking forward to October 2nd when Rev. Dexter is here.
- Roxann – Work is busy and not getting a lot of rest.

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

Motion was made to approve the September Board Minutes by Roxann with Barbara 2nd, All in favor.

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

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

VI: Reports

A. Clerks Report – 21 adults, 3 children

B. Treasurer's Report – Joanie Baird

a. Tithing – August 2022 assessment $\$1,841 \times .035 = \64 , which was not 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

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page for us.

d. Income – Our current Operating Fund cash balance as of 9/14/22 is about \$1,913, plus \$147 in PayPal received On Tue 9/13, but not yet transferred to FNBB plus two Sunday's estimated total \$600 = \$2660 Available less Martha's salary for Sept (\$2500) leaves only \$160 less \$969 Unpaid September bills, leaves a shortfall of (-\$809) on October 1st.

In August 2022 we had total Operating revenue of \$1,903 and expenses of \$3,413, so we had Net Deficit of about \$1,510 for August 2022.

Bills September 2022 for Board approval:

a) Electric	\$ 96
b) Gas	\$ 60 Estimated
c) AT&T	\$ 63 Paid by donor
d) Erie Insurance	\$ 355 Monthly
e) Water, sewer	\$ 124 Only pay every 2 months
Total Bills	\$ 569

Flood repair Designated Fund balance is still \$8 as of 8/31/22.

CVLI license for playing video is \$270. After discussion, the Board decided to suspend the license until a later date. Barbara will write to CVLI to let them know.

August HVAC Designated Fund Balance is about \$935.

We borrowed a total of \$1800 from the Designated Fund in May, based on expected income from various Facebook and GoFundMe fundraisers. (These will be repaid to Designated when the funds are available.)

Roxann has picked up the AT&T bill for \$63, Microsoft for \$9.00 and ACS (Realm) for \$31

Proposed Budget for 2023

There was basic discussion about adding and subtracting items from the budget. Joanie is to revise the budget and email to the Board the new one which the Board will vote on approval. It will then be presented to the congregation on Nov. 20th.

Motion by Joanie to pay September bills as money is available and the Board agrees. Barbara 2nd and all in favor.

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C. Pastor's Report

Worship

The worship team will meet next week, September 21, to finish planning for the fall and begin planning for Lent.

We are also working on the plans for the livestream worship service on October 2 with Holy Redeemer MCC (College Park, MD) and Imago Dei MCC (Aston, PA). This will be our Fellowship Sunday celebration.

Other upcoming worship events include an All Saints observance on November 6, Trans Day of Remembrance service on November 20, the community Thanksgiving service on November 20 (3 pm) with community dinner afterwards. Advent begins on November 27, and then we are in the run-up to Christmas. Our Longest Night service will be on Wednesday, December 21 at 7 pm. The Christmas Eve service will be on Saturday, December 24, at 7 pm. Christmas Day is on a Sunday this year—I plan a casual service with a few carols, Christmas memories, and Communion.

Pastoral Care

The community prayers continue. I continue to support the two men in Cook County Jail; this seems to be drawing closer to a resolution. I continue to be available for congregational support as needed. I have begun contacting individuals we haven't seen in a while, with some good results. I had a conversation with Holly Blonde about reviving the Pastoral Care ministry, and we will have a meeting in the near future.

Social Action Ministry

I am working on reactivating this ministry; I've spoken with Holly Blonde about this as well, and our meeting will cover SAM as well. I'm signed up for Share Food Share Love on Saturday October 15 (Tuesdays are not possible for me, since that's when my choir rehearses).

Administration

I had hoped to be in the church office three days a week. However, it's been working out to be two days a week. I'm looking at how I can rework this; right now I'm generally in the office Tuesdays, and Thursdays. I'm scheduled to be in the office Friday this week as well, which is when I generally write the sermon—we'll see how it goes!

Also, it is time to begin preparing for our Annual Congregational Business Meeting (ACBM). I suggest we hold the forum on November 13 and the formal business

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meeting on November 20 (I have a prior commitment on November 6 after church). Barbara Adams Latsaras and Roxann Victory both have terms expiring this year, I believe; also, we will have a budget to approve. This is on the agenda to discuss in further detail.

Community Outreach

SAGE continues to meet by Zoom; and now in person also (hybrid) on Fridays at 1 pm. La Grange Ministerium will meet next week, when I should have an update on their many activities.

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 (next meeting October 6).

The next large group meeting will be September 27, at 11 am, via Zoom, and AgeOptions will provide their annual update on Medicare, before open season begins in October. This is always useful, even as a refresher. We will also be covering this in our small group meeting on October 6 at 7 pm.

Revitalization Team

I continue to meet with Rev. Dexter.

Education and Formation

I will be offering a membership class after church on October 9; those then choosing to join will be taken into membership on October 23 during worship.

I am scheduling book/movie discussions for October 23 and November 27. The topic for October will be the book and movie "In This House of Brede," a novel about a very successful British civil servant in the 1950s-60s who leaves a lavish style behind to join a convent and become a nun. We'll explore the themes of mysticism, companionship, call, and service. The book is available on amazon and the full movie is available on YouTube. I don't have a topic yet for November, but it will probably be Advent/Christmas themed as that is the first Sunday of Advent.

UFMCC

No news to report.

Louisville Institute Grant

I continue with the readings and study, as well as setting up and conducting interviews with individuals in other denominations who work with people on the inside, and learning from MCC clergy who have worked in this ministry.

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VII Continued Items

A. Building and Grounds

a. Roof Repairs

Barbara will email Nick from C&N to see the progress with Erie.

b. Outside Stairlift

Town of Brookfield said no to the outside stairlift. We need something that will accommodate a wheelchair.

B. Fundraisers

a. Garage Sale

We need more to sell at the garage sale. Barbara will put in the newsletter and advertise for it.

b. PJ Klems

Looking for ideas for the Sunday night get together. What kind of things would people want to do. Barbara will put a poll in the newsletter to see what kind of answers we receive. Will review at next Board meeting.

d. Church Dance – Is scheduled for October 22nd, Halloween theme. Good and services auction will be handled by Roxann. Rev. Martha is to auction off a sermon theme. Barbara to put on meetup sites and Roxann will make new postcards/flyers to hand out at Plainfield Pride

C. UFMCC – See Pastor's notes

D. Social Media Coordinator

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

E. Revitalization Program

See the Pastor notes above. Tabled until October meeting.

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F. Faith Lutheran and Sanctuary Use

We had a meeting on August 10th with Faith Lutheran on them using our Sanctuary for services as they are selling their building. We have not heard from them since the meeting.

F. Plainfield Pride

People have stepped up to man our table at the Pride festival in Plainfield. Those are Holly, Andrew, Sue and Karen Callahan. We have a new banner to hang up there, and will have a pop-up tent, table, stickers, skittles and other items to hand out. Roxann to do postcards and a flyer. Rev. Martha, Barbara and Joanie will go there after services on Sunday. The fest is October 16, 2022, 11am to 7 pm at Prairie Activity and Recreation Center, 24550 W. Renwick Rd, Plainfield, IL 60544

VIII New Business

A. Congregational Forum and Annual Business Meeting

a. Reports due three weeks before forum to compile packet

Barbara to send out an email with information on dates, link to application for the Board and financial information when available, Lay Delegate, Pastor report. Barbara to generate report of members for the meeting.

b. Board terms expiring

Barbara Adams Latsaras and Roxann Victory are up for reelection. They both have agreed to run again for the Board. These are 2-year positions. There is also one opening for a 1-year term on the Board. Board applications are due 10/23.

c. Budget preparation

Joanie to revise the 2023 Budget and get it back to the Board. Barbara to post on the website and add to the email.

IX: Executive Session - None

Closing prayer by Joanie Baird.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm moved by Roxann and 2nd by Barbara.