

## **GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**October 8, 2018**

Present: Ron Vandeberg, Pastor Kelli, Mike Catterall, Pete Ellestad, Bonnie Dirks, Roger Marty, Beth Gilpin, Wayne Corey

Devotions by Pastor Kelli.

### **Puerto Rico**

- Chris Landerud has made contact with Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) team in P.R. After a meeting between Chris, Mike, and Ron and getting a few questions answered by LDR, a mission trip with youth and adults has been planned from Tuesday March 26 to Tuesday April 2. Lutheran Camp Edwardo Roig (same as past trips) has been arranged and flights have been reserved.
- Trip is mostly during week of spring break in McFarland schools, except kids will have to take off of school on Tuesday, April 2. This was done because airfare costs several hundred dollars per person less when traveling on Tuesdays.
- Trip information packet and registration form is available at the information desk. There will be an information meeting on Sunday Oct 21 at 9:15 am.
- Camp in Puerto Rico is run by team from LDR. Breakfast and dinner are served at camp Monday thru Friday. Cost is \$20 per day.
- Based on skill sets of our group, LDR will arrange work and get supplies. This will free us from some of the project planning that we have done on past trips.

### **Uganda / Walk-4-Water**

- Walk was a great success with over 100 walkers. After subtracting expenses, about \$16,000 has been raised. We should know the exact amount in a few days after all the day-of-event registration forms have been entered and the checks made out to W-4-W through MLC have been cataloged by W-4-W. [Post meeting note: As of 10/12, \$16,241 has been raised after expenses. An additional large donation is anticipated that would bring the total to an amount that would pay for 2 wells].
- Kallan wrote thank you notes to all corporate sponsors. Pastor Kelli wrote thank you notes to 3 people from congregation that helped with tasks on day of event and also a thank you for the congregation in newsletter & NYCU.
- W-4-W will send thank you notes to walk participants and donors.
- Ron will fill out check request for MLC donation to W-4-W, based on budgeted \$2000 minus expenses.
- So we don't accidentally lose the info in the future, Ron will make a local copy of the google drives used to track the project.
- Kallan has the sheets listing the items that were in the silent auction baskets and the final sale price of the baskets. Ron talk to Kallan to get this info stored so we have a future starting point to make baskets that are popular.
- Pastor Kelli has received disk of photos from the event.

- Left over T-shirts can be taken to Uganda in April and donated to locals.
- Some possible ways to improve future walks:
  - Early in planning, announce within MLC that we are looking for corporate donors, could be congregation members who own companies or who work for companies that may donate.
  - Use left-over flyers from this event to show potential corporate donors about the event and how their business is promoted in the flyer.
  - Wear T-shirt from this event when rounding up corporate donors.
  - Get MLC sponsorship and corporate donors listed on the posters. Print posters a little later in the process so this info is known before posters are printed.
  - Less games at event would be OK, since they got little use.
  - Put up sign for walk a few hours before the walk and keep it up until a few hours after the walk. Many people use the trail and there were people that saw the activity at the park, asked what was happening, and then donated on the spot.

### **Uganda / Mission trip in April**

- Need at least 10 people to make trip cost effective. So far 7 people have signed up and 9 have expressed an interest.
- After 2<sup>nd</sup> information session this coming Sunday, Bonnie will send email to those who signed up and those that are interested. Ron will use this email list to send some articles about Uganda to the group.

### **Uganda / Widows house**

- Between members of Global Mission Committee and past participants on Uganda mission trips, \$670 was raised to repair the roof of a widow's house. Funds were sent on Oct 2 to Hope-4-Kids and will be forwarded to Uganda at end of the month.
- On 9/12 Bonnie forwarded an email response from Pastor Alex regarding the sale of the piggery land, indicating the land has not been sold because they have not been able to find a buyer willing to pay the amount that was originally paid for the land.

### **Tanzania / Bishop Bagonza**

- Frida Bagonza is in a wait-and-see state to determine whether the surgery to cut off the blood supply to a growth on her liver is reducing the size of the growth. Please keep her in your prayers.

### **Habitat / Thrivent trip to Louisiana**

- 9 people have formally registered and paid, including 3 from our congregation. The 8 people from the Madison area are on same flight. Hotels are set.
- Funds that participants pay (\$700 for Thrivent members, \$1000 for non-members) cover the cost of trip, rental vehicles, fuel, meals, etc. Since costs are covered, Roger will look

for opportunities to thank participants with something special, perhaps a special treat or two after a hard day's work, and submit receipt for reimbursement.

**Bake Sale**

- Per previous agreement, 50% of proceeds will go to McFarland food pantry.
- Discussed ideas for remaining 50%, including funding towards 2<sup>nd</sup> Uganda well, P.R. disaster recovery, Moringa project support, P.R. food pantry, Uganda needs other than well, and McFarland food pantry.
- Plan A for remaining 50% of proceeds is to donate to the P.R. food pantry. Mike will contact Pastor Pablo to verify that the food pantry is still operational. If not, plan B is to donate all proceeds to the McFarland food pantry.
- We can apply for funds from Thrivent to cover the cost of Rummegrot ingredients or similar items, but we did not actually determine who would do this. Stay tuned.

<b>Upcoming Global Mission Events</b>	
Oct 14 11am	Info session for Uganda trip
Oct 21 9:15 am	Info session for Puerto Rico trip
Nov. 4-10, 2018	Habitat / Thrivent trip to Louisiana
Dec. 9, 2018	Bake Sale
Mar 26 – Apr 2, 2019	Puerto Rico mission trip
April 2-15, 2019	Uganda mission trip w/ Hope-4-Kids

Next regular meeting is tentatively planned for November 12. If meeting is not needed to plan bake sale, then skip the November meeting and meet on Dec. 10. Ron to ask Janine and Jane if they see a need for November meeting.

Devotions for next meeting by Bonnie if next meeting is in November, Roger if next meeting is in December.