

GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2019

Present: Ron Vandeberg, Pastor Kelli, Bonnie Dirks, Wayne Corey, Beth Gilpin, Pete Ellestad, Jane Blank, Roger Marty, Jim Green

Devotions by Beth.

Janine O-Rourke dropped out of the committee for now due to heavy work schedule. Jim Green joined us.

Puerto Rico

- Over \$2000 was raised at the P.R. fund raising breakfast on Feb 24.
- Jim Green recently returned from a P.R. mission trip with another church. The group stayed at the same camp run by Lutheran Disaster Relief (LDR) where our group will stay. Jim talked about some of the challenges working with LDR. Jim has also chatted with Chris Landerud about the experience and what to expect.
- Roger and Diane Marty have each applied for a Thrivent \$250 project grant to support the Puerto Rico trip.

Uganda / Walk-4-Water

- Tom Eggum (president of H-4-K), Angie and Carmela from Hope-4-Kids will be on the trip.
- Ron will carry a bible for Mica, the pastor of the Sesera church.
- The cost to level the land around the church and latrine in Sesera is estimated to be 2.2M Uganda Schillings (~\$700). Leveling would be required if the proposal to build a school in Sesera is pursued.
- Need to take \$250 on trip for cost of supplies for the widow foot washing and spa day.

Habitat for Humanity

- Ron, Roger, and Pastor Tim attended the World Day of Prayer event at the Madison office on March 1.
- Habitat is working to get more community engagement, particularly by getting ideas from congregations. To aid this Habitat is starting a faith based group that meets periodically to brainstorm ideas, and Roger volunteered to be part of the group.
- Roger is getting an itch to do another Habitat build trip. Habitat is currently concentrating on working in natural disaster areas such as Houston, the Florida Keys, and an area 100 mile southeast of Tampa. Stay tuned.
- Sometime this summer we are planning to arrange a build day for our congregation, probably at the Fitchburg site. To reserve a date just for our congregation requires a \$500 payment. We agreed to request \$500 for this in next year's budget.. Ron will arrange the event.

Communications Outreach

- Wayne handed out articles that he wrote about the upcoming mission trips to Puerto Rico and Uganda. He will be submitting these to the Thistle for publication in the near future.
- Wayne also handed out a proposal to make podcast / audio recordings to put on the church website. These would spread the word about the great work that is being done by Global Mission. Lay leaders for the P.R. and Uganda mission trips would be interviewed for 10 to 15 minutes about their experiences. This would be a new way of communicating the work of our committee, and the approach could also be used for other projects. We agreed that this effort is worth pursuing, so Wayne will do so.

Missionary Support

- Even though Pastor Kirsten will be leaving Cairo this summer and moving back to the USA, we decided that for now we should continue to support the StARS ministry. Before making a decision to switch to another missionary we will see who replaces Pastor Kirsten in Cairo and if we continue to get regular updates on the ministry.

Introduction to Guatemala

- Jim Green gave us an overview of the mission work he has done in Guatemala with an organization on the west side of Madison called Outreach for World Hope <https://www.outreachforworldhope.org/>.
- Outreach for World Hope works in the mountainous areas of eastern Guatemala, typically taking 4 or 5 mission trips per year. Finding and helping malnourished children is a prime mission. Other activities as installing smokeless cooking stoves, putting in gardens and fruit trees, handing out water filters, and supplying infant formula.
- One way our congregation can help this mission work is by donating infant formula or giving funds to buy formula. There is likely to be another trip from the Madison area to Guatemala in the January timeframe. We agreed to seek ways to support this mission work as the time comes closer.

Budget planning for FY 2019/20

- Due to uncertainty about next year's projects, Ron chatted with Brent Odell and agreed that Global Mission will initially use this year's budgeted amount as the beginning point for next year's budget. Near the end of April, after returning from the P.R. and Uganda mission trips and using these trips to explore projects for next year, GM will submit a detailed budget request.

Upcoming Global Mission Events

Mar 26 – Apr 2, 2019	Puerto Rico mission trip
April 2-15, 2019	Uganda mission trip w/ Hope-4-Kids

Next meeting will be after P.R. and Uganda mission trip and after Easter, specifically April 29.
Jane will be gone.

Devotions for next meeting by Pete.