

GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2019

Present: Ron Vandenberg, Pastor Kelli, Bonnie Dirks, Wayne Corey, Pete Ellestad, Roger Marty, Jim Green, Linda Olson, Mike Catterall, Beth Gilpin, Jane Blank

Special Guests: Linda Ellestad, Jim Ellestad

Devotions by Linda Olson.

Uganda / Walk-4-Water

- Presentations during services the weekend of 6/1 and 6/2 were well received. Congregation response was emotional. Showing the Walk-4-Water banner with all the names of Ugandans who received clean water was one of the powerful moments, so we should take the banner to Uganda next year to get another round of signatures.
- As per previous agreement, we want to do another presentation where we will have more time than that allotted during services and when people can ask questions. Additional subjects to be presented include Moringa and medical outreach, plus the items previously covered. Ron will talk with Huldah about presenting at Faith Formation, possibly in September because it aligns with next Walk-4-Water and this is a good time to start recruiting participants for a trip in spring 2020. [Post meeting note: Presentation during Faith Formation is set for Sept. 15, the day after the Walk-4-Water].
- Earlier this year we donated money to have a new house built for a widow who was living in a very poor hut with a leaky thatch roof. Bonnie and Ron saw the new house when in Uganda. It was mostly complete, but the floor still needed to be finished. Pictures of the new house were shown.
- In communication with Pastor Peter Obbo, he said land around Sesera church and latrine would be leveled this week. [Post meeting note: In early July Pastor Peter sent pictures showing the leveled land.]
- Soni-Oruwa, 2 small side-by-side villages near Sesera, have been selected by Hope-4-Kids as the location of the well we are sponsoring. Ron will send link to Soni-Oruwa description and the fund raising page to GM committee members.
- Linda Olson had several ideas for fundraisers that she had seen at other events. Wine to Water is one idea, selling baskets with bottles of wine and decorated glasses and then using the proceeds for the well. Linda will pursue this.
- Trivia night was another idea, and Linda can get the questions and answers if we want to do this sort of event. Linda will get the info, but we will not plan a trivia night at this time.
- For next year's walk, we could buy baskets from Smile Africa during the spring 2020 mission trip and use these baskets for the Wine to Water event or for other silent auction baskets.
- Linda and Jim have developed a list of baskets for this year's silent auction and volunteers have signed up to make many of the baskets.
- Pastor Kelli will send Linda copies of last year's articles that went into NYCU and Newsletter to advertise the Walk-4-Water.
- In late July Wayne will send article about this year's walk to the Thistle. Second article will be sent in early September.

- Suggested to put poster on Facebook group 'McFarland Moms and Dads' page to get exposure to a younger group of people that may not be exposed to other communications. A list of baskets that will be sold at the silent auction would also be useful to get attention.
- Linda will submit Walk-4-Water info to the Isthmus for inclusion on their event calendar.
- H-4-K gave three possible dates for spring 2020 trip to Uganda, specifically 3/24 to 4/6, 4/7 to 4/20, or 4/14 to 4/27. For those potentially going on trip, let Bonnie know your preferred dates. Bonnie will take this info and work with Kent and Laura Dirks to pick a date. [Post meeting note: 3/24 to 4/6 was selected for trip date].
- Wayne thanked Bonnie and Mike for audio recordings about Uganda and Puerto Rico mission trips.

Puerto Rico

- Chris Landerud has been looking into dates for a possible trip in the spring of 2020. McFarland School spring break is 3/30 to 4/3. Airfare rates are a large factor in determining final dates. [Post Meeting note: Trip has been scheduled as a Monday to Monday trip, March 30 to April 6].
- Pastor Pablo's daughter will likely be at our church this Sunday, 6/16.

Habitat for Humanity

- Ron will lead the charge to set the date for the Habitat congregation build date. [Post meeting note: Event is set for Thursday, August 8].

Outreach for World Hope / Guatemala

- Outreach for World Hope (<https://www.outreachforworldhope.org/>) is an NGO that Jim Green has been active in for years. They work to improve the lives of impoverished people in eastern Guatemala. One of the group's prime needs is infant formula.
- The Facetime group, led by Amanda and Aaron Geisinger, is a group for parents of young children that meets between services. When the group starts meeting again in the fall they will look at ways of supporting the need for infant formula.

FY 2019/20 Budget

- Budget request has been approved by Finance Committee, but still needs to be approved by Council at their next meeting and Congregation at the annual meeting. [Post meeting note: Budget approved at 7/28 annual meeting.] Budget request is:
 - Line 01 - Global Mission \$500 Miscellaneous support for speaker Honorariums and other items that come up, such as Outreach for Global Hope to support Guatemala
 - Line 02 - Habitat for Humanity \$600 500 for Habitat Build day in Fitchburg and \$100 for any other Habitat support
 - Line 03 - Uganda Support \$750 \$250 Foot washing supplies and \$500 Moringa or other Uganda project support
 - Line 04 - Walk-4-Water promotion \$500 Banners, flyers for promotions, reservations for park, etc. Any leftovers will be donated to the well fundraiser.
 - Total \$2350 (\$1150 less than this year).

Next meeting: No meeting in July unless something comes up. Next meeting will be August 12.

Devotions for next meeting by Wayne Corey.