

GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 11, 2019

Walk-4-Water was held on Sept 14. Global Mission did not hold meetings in September or October.

Present: Ron Vandeberg, Pastor Kelli, Bonnie Dirks, Wayne Corey, Pete Ellestad, Roger Marty (partial), Jim Green, Linda Olson, Mike Catterall, Beth Gilpin

Devotions by Bonnie.

Uganda / Walk-4-Water

- There were 117 walkers at the Walk-4-Water on Sept 14.
- \$24,079 was raised. Expenses paid by H-4-K were \$2,022 and \$271 was paid by either Thrivent or MLC members. After expenses, there are enough funds for 2 wells and \$1756 remaining.
- Agreed that the extra \$1756 should be applied towards a third well. Hope-4-Kids has wells that need funding so the moneys can be easily applied to a well project that is underfunded.
- Due to donations of goods (ex. Signs) by businesses and CLM members, expenses paid by MLC were only \$56 compared to a budgeted amount of \$500. Global Mission will see if needs for these funds arise between now and the March mission trip, and if not will plan to take the funds to Uganda to use as needs come to light.
- Final fund raising result has not been published to congregation. Ron will work with Linda E. to get the results published in NYCU and newsletter.
- Linda and Jim did a great job organizing the W-4-W. Bonnie will send thank-you note.
- Improvements for next year – Either set a deadline to register and be guaranteed a shirt (the less preferred method) or consider a higher cost to register on the day of the event (preferred method). Almost 25% of the walkers registered day of the event, resulting in running out of shirts and a need to order additional shirts at a higher cost due to low quantity.

Outreach for World Hope

- Two week fundraiser was held Oct 6 and 13. Funds will be used to purchase infant formula to be handed out during Guatemala mission trip in January. \$719 was collected.
- Mission moment describing need only occurred at 1 service. Next year Jim would like to present at all 3 services.
- Since there were no costs associated with this fundraiser, agreed that \$200 that was budgeted for this event should also be used to purchase infant formula, raising the total to \$919. Jim will buy the formula and submit check request to Rita.
- About 30 people are going to Guatemala in January with Outreach for World Hope.
- Jim will put thank-you in NYCU and newsletter.

Missionary Support

- After 5 years as a missionary in Cairo working at St. Andrews Refugee Services, Pastor Kirsten Fryer has returned to the USA.
- ELCA sent fact sheets for several possible missionaries to support. Since we know a lot about the StARS mission from Pastor Fryer's newsletters and visits to our congregation and

there is an ongoing refugee crisis in Egypt, we decided to support the missionary who is going to replace Pastor Fryer. The new missionary is Rev. Christie Manisto.

- Pete Ellestad and Pastor Kelli will inform council at their next meeting.
- Ron will fill out Covenant Sponsorship Form and send to ELCA office. [Post meeting note: Communication to our congregation, update of Sunday bulletin back cover, update of website, etc. also needs to happen.]

Bake Sale Plan

- Went line by line through the plan to note volunteers for various tasks.
- Youth have been invited to make Lefse and Rommegrot.
- Mike C. will request Thrivent funds.
- Decided 50% of funds raised will go to McFarland Food Pantry and 50% to Puerto Rico food pantry (same as last 2 years).
- For next year, consider giving some funds to Uganda food pantry run by Pastor Eric Sabitt. We will check out his operation when we go there on the spring trip.

Uganda Mission Trip 3/24-4/6

- 9 from our congregation and 3 from other congregations are known to be signed up for the spring trip. Hundreds of clothing items and sandals have already been donated.

Puerto Rico Mission Trip 3/30 – 4/6

- 26 people signed up, more than ever before. 5 vans will be required. There is a well balanced mix of adults and kids, experienced and new, males and females.

Improved Communications

- Wayne will put together a proposal to be discussed at the next meeting. In particular this will discuss effectively telling the story of things that our committee is doing.

Next meeting: December 9 (day after bake sale)

Devotions for next meeting by Beth.

Closing prayer by Pastor Kelli.