

GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2019

Present: Ron Vandenberg, Pastor Kelli, Wayne Corey, Roger Marty, Jim Green, Linda Olson, Mike Catterall

Bake Sale Results

- \$1316 was raised at yesterday's bake sale. This is similar to results from previous years, although ~\$400 less than the well above average results in 2018.
- There is one box of items remaining to be sold. Ron and Linda will setup for sales after Wednesday Advent services.
- Rommegrot sales were about the same level as previous years. 54 containers were made, and 5 were remaining.
- 48 packages of Lefse were available for sale, and all were sold shortly after the 10 am service let out. Consider making more lefse next year.
- Ron to touch base with Chris Landerud about cost of lefse ingredients and thank-you notes for volunteers that made lefse and rommegrot.
- Feedback & improvements for next year: Have more lefse available. Consider taking orders for lefse to know how much to make. Pricing items was the most difficult part, and Janine was a great help because of her past experience. Having a table with all items priced at \$2.50 was much easier than labeling every package.

Uganda mission trip 3/24 to 4/6/2020

- 10 people from MLC have signed up to go, and 5 people from Lord of Life in Maple Grove, MN have signed up. There may be others that have signed up with Hope-4-Kids.
- Bonnie is working with Hope-4-Women to develop a sponsorship program for the teachers of adults. Teachers for adults typically work a few hours per week on that task and a sponsorship program would help them get paid. Bonnie is trying to arrange to monitor a class while in Uganda to see firsthand how the program works and to generate enthusiasm for sponsoring teachers.

Outreach for World Hope

- Infant formula has been purchased to take to Guatemala on Jan 17 trip.

Missionary Support

- Covenant Sponsorship form for Rev. Christie Manisto was sent to ELCA office and acknowledged as received. Council has been informed of switch to Rev. Manisto.
- Back cover of bulletin has been updated with new missionary. Ron will write article for newsletter and get something on a bulletin board.

Puerto Rico Mission Trip 3/30 – 4/6

- 26 people from MLC are going, to be joined in PR with 3 people from Maine. One of the people from Maine joined the group last year and is now bringing 2 others.
- Group from MLC consists of 13 youth and 13 adults, 11 returning and 15 new members.
- PR group will host the Community Shared Table on Jan 23 and will hold a fundraising breakfast on Feb 23. Funds raised on 2/23 will go towards building supplies used on the trip.

Improved Communications on MLC Website

- Wayne presented a proposal to improve the MLC website with more info about Global Mission Committee activities.
 - Problem Statement: The Global Mission Committee lacks a specific named location on the MLC website. Some of our activities are listed under “mission trips” but the committee does much more. Further, the extensive work that leads up to mission trips is not detailed in any significant way. There is no mention of other activities.
- Agreed that website could be improved in regards to Global Mission activities. Committee members to evaluate current website on their own and send suggestions for improvement to the group. We will discuss proposals at the next meeting.
- Some off the top of our head ideas for improvement include:
 - Have links on the “Global Mission” page to various activities of the committee.
 - Add more pictures.
 - Use MLC Facebook page for ongoing, short term communications. Website should remain more ‘long term’, since it cannot be updated as easily as Facebook.
 - Explain projects better. Add visibility for subprojects such as Moringa in Uganda.
 - Provide a way to get more info if there are questions about a project.
 - Add link to Reconciliation Church in Puerto Rico.
 - Have at least one sentence in every newsletter and NYCU about GM activities.
- We will discuss proposals at the next meeting.

Next meeting: February 10. No meeting planned in January.

Devotions for next meeting by Beth.

Closing prayer with prayer petitions by all.