

GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES

Sept 14, 2020 via Zoom meeting

Zoomed in: Ron Vandeberg, Wayne Corey, Roger Marty, Bonnie Dirks, Pastor Kelli, Mike Catterall, Jim Green, Katherine Miller, Linda Olson

Committee Member change

- Katherine Miller is joining our committee as the Council liaison. Welcome Katherine.

Food Pantry update

- Before Covid non-perishable items were collected at a number of sites around the village, such as the library, bank lobby, our church gathering space, and others. These collection centers are all closed because of Covid.
- Our Christmas bake sale, typically held in early December with proceeds going to the McFarland and Puerto Rico food pantries will not be held this year due to Covid and social distancing.
- Food pantry has asked if we might be able to supply ingredients such as pumpkin pies, cranberries, sweet potatoes, etc. for the Thanksgiving or Christmas dinners (qty about 110) that are given out each year by the pantry. [Post meeting note: Second Harvest now says they will mass order ingredients for the holiday meals for pantries, so no need for us to collect the goods.]
- Lion's club is doing a food collection drive at the food pantry on Friday and Saturday, Sept 18, 19, 25, and 26. This is being announced in the church e-newsletter.
- Discussed activities we could possibly do to support food pantry:
 - Have food collection cart at our drive-in services.
 - Place food collection cart between the 2 sets of doors at the church canopy entrance. This would allow someone to drop off goods without totally going into the building.
 - Since church office hours are expanding soon, perhaps allow drop-off of goods in the gathering space as previously done.
 - In lieu of bake sale, suggest cash donations directly to the food pantry or through MLC.
- Health and Social wellness committee is looking at best method to continue with the Giving Tree tradition that our congregation has done for a number of years. Requests for the Giving Tree gifts come from the food pantry. Rather than getting gift tags from the tree, perhaps congregants will do some sort of on-line sign-up.
- With Lion's club food drive about to happen and Giving Tree plans in progress, wait until we know results of these efforts and then have further discussions next month to decide our next steps.

Uganda / Walk-4-Water

- Schools in Uganda are still not open. The government is teaching some classes over radio. H-4-K is giving solar powered radios and food to villages with sponsored students.
- Pastor Peter Obbo needs funds so he can pay teachers in his schools. Since schools aren't open no tuition is being collected and there are no funds to pay teacher salaries.
- Spring trip to Uganda is in doubt due to ongoing Covid pandemic.

Puerto Rico

- Don't know whether it will be possible to have a mission trip during spring break.
- Mike will contact Pastor Pablo to see what the needs of their church and community are, particularly in regards to their food pantry.

Outreach for World Hope /Guatemala

- Kim Tews, founder of OWH reports that many people in Guatemala are in dire straits due to Covid shutdowns. It is very difficult to get food to villages that OWH supports. OWH staff in Jocotan is going to villages and distributing food as best they can.
- Since mission trips are not going to Guatemala, infant formula is not being delivered from the USA to OWH office. Infant formula is available in Guatemala City, but it is expensive and it still needs to be transported 4 to 5 hours to get to Jocotan.
- There will not be a mission trip in January.
- OWH has a need for people to sponsor children and also general funds for the Life Boat Program - a lifeline for children found in end stage starvation, but not yet selected by sponsors.

Pastor Christie Manisto /StARS

- Discussed ways to have Pastor Manisto preach at both Sunday outdoor drive-in services and Facebook Live services or at a special zoom meeting setup for the purpose of getting to know her. Ron will contact her. But -- [Post meeting notes: Pastor Manisto just announced that she and her husband have returned to Cairo. They will start work at St. Andrews after 14 days of quarantine.]

Newsletter article

- Ron will write and Wayne will review an article(s) for the newsletter about Global Mission activities.

Next meeting October 12