

GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2022

Attendees: Ron Vandeberg, Wayne Corey, Linda Olson, Bonnie Dirks, Roger Marty, Pastor Kelli, Mike Catterall, Gudrun Sindermann

Guests: Chris Landerud; Kay Weeden from Stoughton Resettlement Assistance Program

Global Mission did not meet in July, August, and September 2022. The Walk-4-Water planning team which includes many Global Mission members did meet.

Stoughton Resettlement Assistance Program (SRAP)

- Kay Weeden from SRAP explained the organization, a 501(c)(3) charity based in Stoughton to help refugees get settled in this area. Lutheran Social Services (LSS) is the prime organization settling refugees in this area outside of Madison, and SRAP partners with LSS to provide the daily support and interactions that refugees need to get settled.
- To date SRAP has settled 6 refugee families and is planning to settle 9 families by the end of November. At this time the arriving refugees are from Ukraine.
- SRAP actions include finding apartments and transportation, provide furniture for apartments, signup for school, medical, clothing, and food pantrys. Getting a green card for employment is a long process and the refugees can't work to support themselves in the meantime. Stoughton community has provided great support.
- Teachers of English as a Second Language (ESL) are needed for both children and adults.
- SRAP would like to start refugee resettlement in communities other than Stoughton.
- Funds to support refugees are raised through donations. Funds are used to pay rent, utilities, gas, gift cards, and automobiles. Finding affordable housing is a challenge.
- Website for more information or to make donations is: <https://stoughtonresettlement.org/>
- Bonnie will check with Pastor Naomi about having Kay present to a wider audience in the congregation.

Guatemala / Outreach for World Hope

- An opportunity for a youth mission trip to Guatemala with Outreach for World Hope became available. Chris L. presented the opportunity to the youth group and within 24 hours the trip was full.
- 18 people from MLC are signed up. It is a well-balanced group with 9 kids and 9 parents, mixed ages, and balance between females and males.
- Half of proceeds from the Christmas bake sale on Dec 10 and 11 will be used to support this mission, very likely to purchase infant formula for malnourished infants.
- Bonnie will check with Uganda team to see if items that were collected for a planned mission trip to Uganda could instead be taken to Guatemala. The Uganda mission trip has not happened due to Covid. [Post meeting note: Uganda team indicated it is OK to use items for Guatemala.]
- Fund drive will occur Nov 15 to Dec 15. May be some activities for team building and fund raising, such as serving breakfast.
- Packing items for the trip will be Jan 8.

Puerto Rico

- Iglesia Evangélica Luterana Reconciliación in P.R. is working on hurricane recovery in southern Puerto Rico.
- The camp where our mission trip participants stayed is not open and may not ever open, thus making any future trips to P.R. harder to plan and more expensive.

Walk-4-Water

- There were about 60 walkers on Sept 24. The silent auction raised \$2940. Funds raised to date are \$16,885. [Post meeting note: In early Nov fund total was enough for 2 wells].
- Gudrun will hold a meeting of the Walk-4-Water planning team to get feedback and improvement suggestions for the next walk.
- Gudrun will give Thrivent expense report to Mike C in case of Thrivent audit.

Bake Sale

- Expanding on last year's success, bake sale will be jointly sponsored by youth groups and Global Mission.
- 50% of funds will go to McFarland Food Pantry and 50% to support Guatemala mission trip.
- Preliminary bake sale plan was distributed. Everyone review and sign-up for tasks.
- Sales will begin at Saturday evening service. Venue will be Family Life Center.
- Chris L will coordinate Lefse, Romegrot, and youth baking day.
- Ron will be main event coordinator and rewrite the articles for the newsletter based on cosponsoring with youth and selling on Saturday.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Nov 14.