

GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2023

Attendees: Ron Vandeberg, Wayne Corey, Mike Catterall, Paul Hundt, Erin Kraemer, Bonnie Dirks, Chris Landerud

Devotions by Wayne Corey.

Walk-4-Water wrap-up / Uganda Mission trip

- \$2105 raised by the silent auction. Bonnie will send \$1750 to Pastor Oboe in Uganda for Sesera projects (ex. Church roof repair) and remaining funds will be carried to Uganda in March to use for needs identified during the trip. Pastor Oboe is currently in a Kampala hospital, so funds won't be sent until he gets out of hospital.
- Total Walk-4-Water donations were \$18,023. Expenses (t-shirts, banners, classy fundraising charges, misc.) totaled \$1249, leaving \$16,774 for wells. This is enough for about 1 ½ wells. Hope-4-Kids will combine funds greater than those required for the first well with funds from another walk to complete funding for a second well. The village for the second well has not yet been identified.
- Drillers have accomplished step 1, hitting water in Petta Central North, the location of the first well we are funding. It will take some time to finish the pump installation with concrete pad and other infrastructure before the well can be used. Stay tuned for further updates.
- Thrivent and Kwik-Trip gift cards were used to purchase some banners, posters, snacks for event, and some silent auction basket items.
- Mission trip to Uganda is March 12 to 25. Cost of the mission trips will be raised to \$2195 (up \$200) in 2024, so those planning to attend should sign up in 2023.

Bake Sale Planning

- Roger applied for and received Thrivent gift card several weeks ago and passed onto Chris L. to purchase bake sale supplies. Chris will get the ingredients for lefse and make the dough. He will also purchase ingredients for rummergrot and cookies that will be made by youth.
- Lefse making will be Dec 2. Rummergrot will be made on Dec 9 and youth baking will also be Dec 9.
- Mike C, Ron, and Bonnie will setup tables in FLC morning of Dec 9. Donated goods can also be brought to the church that morning. Sales will start at the Saturday evening service on Dec. 9.
- Since many people use credit cards for purchases and seldom carry cash, question was raised if we could accept credit cards. Currently we do not have a method of doing this and don't feel we have enough time to setup a method before the bake sale. Erin will add a sentence to the remaining communication blurbs to specify cash or check only. In future years we will look at a method of accepting cards or other cashless methods (ex. Venmo) at the bake sale.
- Committee members eagerly volunteered to staff the sales tables to cover all time slots.
- In future years, look at placing a sign at the street announcing the bake sale.

Guatemala Mission Trip / Outreach for World Hope

- Donations of goods to take to Guatemala is about to start. Chris L. will publish list of needed goods in the newsletter and bins for items will be placed in the grand hallway. Packing of goods will be at our church on Jan 7.

- 21 from MLC, 10 parents and 10 students plus Jim Green, will be going to Guatemala from Jan 11 to 16. About 25 additional people from other congregations and Outreach for World Hope will also be on the trip.
- Presentations about trip will be included in the worship services on Jan 27 & 28.

Other

- In January Mike C. is planning to make a personal trip to Puerto Rico. He will check on the status of the camp where we stayed on our P.R. mission trips and meet with Pastor Pablo to see if there is a way to restart our mission trips.
- Reconciliation Church in P.R. is still running their food pantry. We may have funds set aside from previous P.R. fundraisers that can be used to support the pantry. Ron will check with Rita.

Next meeting planned for Jan 15 with devotions by Mike C. No meeting planned in December.