

Global Missions Committee Minutes * First Lutheran Church – Fargo, ND June 14, 2018

Present: Tom Espel, Greg Erickson, Kalah Erickson, Ann Williams, Russ Wastweet, Brock Franke, Christine Bachmeier, Brad Keller, Pastor Corey Bjerntess and Missy Froeber. Bob Brunsvold on behalf of Casa Gabrielle and Casa Adalia joined us.

Meeting called to order by Tom Espel, Chair.

The mission statement and vision statement were recited.

Bob Brunsvold opened with the devotion, “ He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless”.

Brad Keller motioned to approve the minutes from May with the inclusion of “Brock Franke will reach out to David and Erin Simon for a mission report”. Russ Wastweet seconded with the inclusion. Motion passed. Missy will adjust the May minutes accordingly.

Russ Wastweet presented the financial report. We have \$38,368 available in the Lee Fund and \$6,963 in the Scheel Fund. A \$771 contribution to the Global Missions Samaritan Fund was made by the Dakota Brass Concert held on Mother’s Day. Pastor Corey will write Gene Okerlund a thank you for this donation. Brock Franke motioned to approve the financials. Brad Keller seconded. Motion approved.

Brad and Sandi Miller’s funds of \$295/month are available for two months of this year. It was proposed that this money be left in the General Fund to help with the budget deficit. Pastor Corey asked that the money not be given to the General Fund as Global Mission can use it for greater good. It was proposed David and Katrina Hasbrouck be moved to this slot and their \$250 be upped to the \$295.

Old Business:

1. Ordinary Hero – tabled until more information is forthcoming.
2. TeachHaiti – The request for \$6,000 from the Lee Fund is for Bibles and chairs for their community Bible classes. They received \$6,000 from the Foundation this year. Russ Wastweet motioned to approve the \$6,000 from the Lee Funds. Christine Bachmeier seconded. One opposed, motion was approved by majority.
3. Casa Gabriel and Casa Adalia - Bob Brunsvold presented a request for \$10,000 from the Lee Fund. Both homes help to educate street kids and young women who are escaping sex trafficking. Bob spoke on the needs for both programs. Brad motioned to approve \$5,000 specifically for Casa Gabriel from the Lee Fund. Chris Bachmeier seconded. Motion approved.
4. All4Christ – Russ Wastweet presented on a request for \$7,000 from the Lee Fund to help purchase study Bibles and pay for conferences that provide pastoral learning and support for pastors in the Philippines. A portion of the funding also goes to disaster relief. Russ Wastweet motioned to approve the request for \$7,000 from the Lee Fund. Greg Erickson seconded. Motion approved.

New Business:

1. Annual Mission Updates & 2019 Budget:

- a. Brock spoke on Dave & Erin Simon with Mission Aviation Fellowship. They seem to have a strong a robust mission with good support. He recommends that we continue support at this time although there is not as much of a personal connection any more. Erin's parents are the Tinquists, but they have since moved to another church.
- b. Greg Erickson spoke on Kristen and Ivan Bucher and their recent move to Wisconsin with Campus for Christ. Mr. Erickson expressed concern that the recent moves from Montana to New York and now to LaCrosse have not allowed them to gain traction. The Committee discussed the fact that Kristin grew up at First and we had a chance to send her out into the world and support her mission work. It was agreed this fell into our mission and vision statement.
- c. All other missionaries were approved.

Brad Keller motioned to approve the Budget as is with the addition of David and Katrina Hasbrouck in place of Millers. Russ Westweet seconded. Motion approved.

Pastor Corey spoke on the Ecuador trip and one family in particular who, although they have done extensive fundraising, is still short. He would like to use \$1,300 from the GM Samaritan fund to help. He also feels that we should leave approximately \$700 in the Samaritan fund and use the rest of the \$2,700 for distribution. The Global Missions Committee agreed.

2. One Collective/Land of Camels – Brad Keller presented on the request for 2 scholarships in the amount of \$5,600. Russ Westweet motioned to approve \$2,800 in matching funds from the GM Samaritan fund. Kalah Erickson seconded. Motion approved.
3. Amistad Worldwide – Brad Keller presented on Amistad's request for \$4,400 from the Lee Fund for 20 wells. Brad Keller motioned to approve the request for \$4,400 from the Lee Funds. Brock Franke seconded. Motion approved.

Other Business:

1. Brock Franke will host Dorcus when she is here. He has been in contact with Pastor Dave.
2. China Service Ventures – This has been tabled until we have more information.
3. The Slovakian team will leave Sunday the 17th for the anniversary celebration. A St. John's Bible print will be given as our gift.
4. Review mission and terms - These will be discussed at the July meeting.
5. New Committee members will be discussed at the July meeting. A couple of suggestions were made and Pastor Corey will send out an ask.

Pastor Corey closed in prayer.

The next meeting will be July 12 at 7:00 am in the Luther Room.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by

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