

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
GLOBAL MISSION COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 8, 2016

Present: Tom Espel, Brad Keller, Ann Williams, Marianna Malm, Greg Erickson, Christine Bachmeier, Rollie Johnson, and Corey Bjertness. Guests Dave & Erin Simon.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Espel.

The mission statement and vision statement were recited. The devotion and opening prayer were presented by Dave Simon.

A motion to approve the November 2016 minutes was made by Marianna Malm and seconded by Ann Williams. Motion Carried.

Tom Espel presented the financial report. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Marianna Malm. Motion carried.

Greg Erickson deferred to Corey Bjertness on the discussion of the Lutheran World Relief Bihar India project. Corey indicated that council and staff have approved using the Lenten offering for the next three years to support the LWR project in Bihar, India. Corey intends to seek a 50% match from Foundation and GMC to cover the balance of a pledge at about \$33,000 per year for three years.

Brad Keller reported that fundraising for the El Refugio van has been reached and the GMC match is \$9,925.00. Brad has sent a list of donations to Russ Wastweet and Christy Schilling that we are matching. The funds will be sent to International Teams.

Marianna Malm provided additional information on the Center for Christian Education in Martin, Slovakia and their request for long term funding. The information will be distributed to Staff and the committee for consideration.

Dave and Erin Simon were introduced and described their upcoming launch into the mission field as of Dec. 15, when they depart Florida for Haiti. After discussion of the application provided to the committee, Rollie Johnson moved to approve \$250.00 per month from the Lee fund for the period of November 2016 to October 2017. Marianna seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rollie Johnson & Corey Bjertness reported that there is nothing new on the Tri-City Haitian Ministry request.

Rollie Johnson reported that he has no new information on Hailey Brendan.

Tom Espel reported on an email he received from Latif Kamara. Latif will be returning to Fargo for furlough in the next few weeks. He has decided not to return to YWAM, but feels called into

a public speaking ministry, likely under a new non-profit funded by fashion. Tom will invite Latif to our January meeting. Tom also recommended asking Pr. Corey for \$250 as a special travel gift to Latif, to be funded from the Samaritan fund.

Pr. Corey noted that the funds in the Samaritan funds should be put to use, and discussion about \$250 gifts to Olsens and Hasbroucks on the birth of new babies followed. It was recommended to Corey that this be funded.

Marianna provided the council report.

Brad Keller

Devotions for next meeting will be presented by Greg Erickson

Next meeting will be January 12, 2016 at 7:00 AM.