

GLOBAL MISSIONS MEETING - December 12, 2013

ATTENDANCE - Tom Mausbach, Brad Keller, Mary Rasmussen, Larry Wild, Pastor Corey Bjertness, Magda Fitterer, Russ Wastweet, Tom Espel, Marianna Malm Guests: Craig & Julie Johnson, Larry Swanson

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Brad Keller.

Mission and Vision statements were read aloud and a devotion and prayer was offered by Tom Espel.

November Minutes - Marianna Malm moved to approve November minutes, Larry Wild seconded. Motion carried.

Financials - Russ Wastweet gave a brief overview of the accounts.

- Russ spoke about helping CAR and that every little bit helps make a difference. The balance of the Lee Fund should be lower as there was money recently dispersed to the Quilters and CAR. New balance should be \$26,939. Tom Mausbach moved to approve financial report, Tom Espel seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

- GMC received a request for \$200 to be paid to Linda Wolfe for the work she did on the quilt that is going to the China museum. This quilt is a duplicate of one that missionary Anna Martinson had and the museum is in her honor. The original quilt is too fragile to display and Linda was asked to make a new one with similar material. Marianna Malm moved to pay the \$200, Mary Rasmussen seconded. Motion carried. Dorothy Nelson is making arrangements to ship the quilt to CVS, Magda will contact Marianna Malm if help is needed in getting the quilt to St. Paul as she has family members that live there.
- Slovakia Request - Marianna presented the request for \$5,000. She told stories of their successes and is seeking help from the Scheels Fund and the Lee Fund. They have added one more member to their team - Bjorn Altenburg - for a total of 6 members. Julie Johnson expressed appreciation for the past support from GMC. Some discussion followed as fund guidelines were discussed. Tom Espel moved to support \$500/traveler for a total of \$3,000 and suggested a deferred action on the \$2,000 additional funds requested to be considered in the future for supplies. The team has been asked to submit a detailed list of the supply needs and costs at that time. Russ seconded the motion and the motion carried. Brad offered fundraising tips. Marianna requested that the Mission Soup Sunday support them in February. They will provide the labor in making and serving the soup. Larry agreed but stated that they couldn't receive 100% of the proceeds as costs needed to be covered.

Other Business:

- Larry Wild is in the planning stages for a short-term mission trip to Standing Rock Indian Reservation in Ft Yates with tentative dates being June 17-20, 2014. He is working on a 4-day program for children and the community - but low budget. His one concern is about accommodations as there aren't any other than the Casino and safety will be a factor anywhere else. This mission trip will be a 12-person team, 6 adults and 6 high school or college students. Graham Sidley, Student Life Coach is going to make the arrangements for the van. Costs will include the van, projects for the kids and community meals. Larry will bring the application to GMC and then the council for approval of the trip.
- An application was received from Tracy Ahlin on behalf of Mercy Orphanage in India. Brad made contact with Rollie as he was listed as the FLC contact on the application. Rollie indicated he knows her. Brad followed up with Tracy and she will be at the January meeting to present and explain her application.

- Tom Mausbach gave an update on Bill & Peggy Ahrends. After 5 weeks the classroom is almost full and many of the parents are staying to listen to what is being taught.
- Seminary program is going well with Pr. Lee leading and Kyle Hellevang has taken 6 students to China - having success with evangelizing students there.
- There is concern that the January 9 meeting will not have enough members for a quorum as several members will not be able to attend the meeting. If there are not enough members there to vote, an email vote will take place.

Council Report - Marianna Malm brought up the event "Heaven is for Real." Pastor Corey explained First Lutheran's part in bringing this to Fargo-Moorhead. FLC will be the sponsoring congregation and act as the fiscal agent but having no fiscal responsibility. Homeless & Hungry will be the recipient of proceeds. This event will take place on February 27/28 at the Scheels Arena.

Brad Keller will prepare January's devotion. Prayer requests were taken and Pastor Corey closed the meeting with prayers.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be January 9.

Respectfully submitted,

Magda Fitterer