

Global Mission Committee Agenda November 13, 2014

Present: Tom Mausbach, Russ Wastweet, Marianna Malm, Tom Espel, Brad Keller, Donata Nellermoe, Larry Wild, John Benson

Guest: Jim Olson

Mission Statement: The mission of First Lutheran Church Global Mission Committee is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the cultures and peoples throughout the world following the command of Jesus to “make disciples of all nations.”

Vision Statement: To inspire through welcome and worship
To equip through teaching and training
To reach through serving and sending.

Agenda: November 13, 2014.

Reading of Mission Statement

Opening Prayer and Devotions: Donata Nellermoe. Donata asked our visitor Jim Olson if he would lead us in devotions and he did.

Approval of Minutes: Marianna Malm made a motion to approve them. Larry Wild seconded and all approved.

Financials: Russ Wastweet

Russ shared information about the financial statements of all the accounts for this committee. He stated that the Global Mission Fund Activity showed no action. In the Scheel's Fund, \$300 had been given to the Quilters Fund. Still outstanding that was designated but not dispersed were \$16,000 to the CAR Global Partners program and \$3000 to Dana and Andres. A check for \$10,512 was given to the Casa de Fe “Three Meals a Day” program from the Lee Estate Gift. In the Mission Soup Fellowship Fund, \$617.48 is currently in the account.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Donata Nellermoe made a motion to accept the Financial Report and Marianna Malm seconded with the committee giving full approval.

New Business:

1). Jim and Suzy Olson—Youth World, Ecuador

Jim shared with the committee about the work he and Suzy Graber Olson's do in Ecuador. He shared with us about their lives in Calicali, Ecuador and their work at the El Refugio Outdoor Retreat Center. He spoke about how they would like to develop reciprocal relationships with US churches and ways to bring their Ecuadorian counterparts to the US while they continue support people coming from the US there. In addition, he spoke about the monthly support they receive from First Lutheran. He wondered if this could be raised from around \$250 a month to \$500 a month. They were hoping to work more closely with First Lutheran, Suzy's home church and his home church in Ithaca, NY rather than work with many small donations from many different churches. He asked us to consider raising this support. Nothing was decided upon at this meeting.

2). FLC GMC membership. Mark Braeger invitation?

It was decided to invite Mark to come to a few meetings and then if he felt like it fit him well invite him to be a member of the committee later on. Tom Mausbach will invite him to our next meeting.

3). Rob Gunkelman, Mexico Iglesia Biblica Miaioners. Rollie.

A proposal was sent to the committee by e-mail from Rob Gunkelman and Rollie Johnson, but neither were present at the meeting. The committee decided to table this proposal until they had questions answered about the sponsoring organization, why the amount was so much higher than the usual amount given to missionaries, and where they plan to look for the rest of their support.

4). December Scheel matching funds: Donata N., Tom M.

Donata Nellermeoe and Tom Mausbach will be bringing a proposal to the December meeting related to the CSV work in China.

5) CSV update FLC GMC funds--Bo Ai students.

Tom Mausbach spoke about the letter they had received from John Peterson about the \$11,000 sent for the Bo Hai students in China. John travels regularly to China, but the Nellermeoes will be leaving at the end of this month to serve five years in China.

6). Mission Sunday, November 23rd.

It was just announced that this would be happening on November 23rd.

Other Business:

Tom Espel spoke of the need to develop internships with the Ecuador program through the church. Secondly, he asked that we look into helping Larry and Sue Wild with their trip to the Standing Rock Reservation on December 14th. A motion was made that the Standing Rock trip be eligible for Matching Funds from the Scheel Foundation up to \$1000 from today through the departure for the trip on December 14th. Larry asked that he would like to have a sense of the money available by December 7th. Marianna made a motion to accept it, Russ seconded it, and the committee approved this motion.

Next meeting, December 11, 2014

Council Report: Marianna Malm

Next Meeting Devotions:

Prayer Requests:

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Submitted by John Benson, November 14, 2014