Global Missions Committee Minutes & First Lutheran Church, Fargo
February 14, 2018

Present: Greg Erickson, Russ Wastweet, Brock Franke, Ann Williams, Brad Keller, Kalah Erickson, Christine Bachmeier and Missy Froeber. Erin Simon from Mission Aviation Fellowship was a guest.

Meeting called to order by Brad Keller.

The mission and vision statements were recited.

Erin Simons did the devotion reading from Philippians 4, “Rejoice in the Lord always”.

She then spoke on Mission Aviation Fellowship and what they have been doing in Haiti. She showed pictures of the new airstrip and spoke of a local student who was in the states getting his mechanics degree and will soon be working with them. His goal is to become a pilot and work for MAF. She also spoke of other students and young people whom MAV is helping to gain skills in order to get jobs. She asked for our prayers as Port Au Prince and other cities in Haiti are experiencing rebellion. The MAF families have been evacuated, but the pilots have stayed to help where they can.

Russ Wastweet moved to approve the minutes from January. Ann Williams seconded. Motion approved.

Russ Wastweet presented the financial report. The Scheels fund has been depleted. Pastor Corey and Rollie will be meeting to discuss people who might be willing to step up. There was a question on amounts for Slovakia Mission Trip and Ecuador Mission Trip. Russ will contact Danelle and find out for the next meeting. The Mission Soup income is at $1300, but this amount will go down as they donate on Giving Heart Day. Brock Franke motioned to approve the financials. Kalah Erickson seconded. Financials approved.

Old Business:

1. China Services Ventures – Committee decided to remove this request from Old Business. The unrest in China makes us nervous about sending a board member.
2. Giving Guidelines update – Brad asked that this item be tabled until our next meeting.
3. 20th Anniversary of El Refugio – There is an online sign up to attend. Brad Keller and Pastor Corey are considering attending. Russ, Greg and Brad will reach out to past mission groups to see if there is an interest there. There was discussion of getting and sending a gift. No action was taken at this time.
4. Ordinary Hero Ethiopia Mission Trip – there are 13 people signed up to go. The group has until the first part of March to continue to recruit people. Once registration has been closed, they will submit an ask for a specific amount of money. $10,000 has been set aside ($500/person) for the possibility of 20 people.
New Business:

1. **Friends of Accion** – The brunch for Oscar Jr. and Rohar was attended by Kalah, Greg, Russ and Rollie. Accion school has room for more female students, but no place for them to live during the week while they are at school. They are asking for a commitment of $25,000 for 5 years to build and maintain a dorm. They were asked to send a formal request.

2. **TeachHaiti** – Miquette will be in the area March 31 through April 7th and would love to visit with the Global Missions committee. Missy will find a date that works and send invites out to the Committee.  
   NOTE: Miquette knows Erin and Dave Simons. She taught Elsie, their daughter.

Other Business:

1. Committee members will send some “Fun Facts” about various mission countries such as Ecuador having 5 different climates.

2. Wednesday, Feb. 13th was Wendi Scholl’s last day as receptionist. She is moving on to get her childcare certificate and has a job with a local daycare where she can be with her daughter all day. Staff is in the process of filling her position.

**The next meeting will be March 14th at 7:00 am in the Luther Room.**
(An email will go out soon to see if we have a quorum as many people will be gone.)

**Brad Keller will do devotions**

Meeting adjourned with a prayer from Brad Keller with a special ask for the safety of the MAF families and friends in Haiti.

Respectfully submitted by

*Missy Froeber*