Global Missions Committee Minutes & First Lutheran Church, Fargo
May 9, 2019

Present: Tom Espel, Greg Erickson, Russ Wastweet, Tracy Farmer, Christine Bachmeier, Kalah Erickson, Brock Franke, Ann Williams, Rollie Johnson and Missy Froeber. Chris Haugen and Laurie Stewart Hanson were guests.

Meeting called to order by Tom Espel. Tom welcomed Chris and Laurie and introduced the members of Global Missions.

The mission and vision statements were recited.

Russ Wastweet did the devotion.

Minutes from April - Tracy Farmer moved to approve the minutes from April. Russ Wastweet and Kalah Erickson seconded. Motion approved.

Financials - Russ Wastweet presented the financial reports for April. The $10,000 for the Ordinary Hero Ethiopia trip will be paid at the end of this week. Our balance in the Lee Fund will then be $30,289.76. Brock Franke motioned to approve the financials. Tracy Farmer seconded. Financials approved.

Old Business:

1. Giving Guidelines update – Brad was unable to attend so this item was tabled again.
2. 20th Anniversary of El Refugio – Brad was unable to attend so there is no update on this item.
3. Friends of Accion - Rollie has not heard from Oscar or Rohar on their request. It was decided to remove this item from old business and if a request comes in, it will become new business.

New Business:

1. Feed My Starving Children: Haiti Mission trip – Chris Haugen and Laurie Stewart Hanson (members of First) presented their mission trip with FMSC which was originally going to Haiti, but was changed to the Dominican Republic due to the unrest in Haiti at this time. They will be traveling with Atonement Lutheran Church members through an organization called Praying Pelicans who have contacts in places where FMSC meals go. Kim Bauman (who attends First) will also be going. They are requesting $500 per person to help offset expenses on the trip. Ann Williams made a motion to approve a total of $1500 from the Lee Funds at $500 each for Chris Haugen, Laurie Stewart Hanson, and Kim Bauman to be used for materials and supplies for the FMSC Mission trip with Atonement Lutheran Church through Praying Pelicans to the Dominican Republic. Kalah Erickson seconded the motion. Motion was approved to grant a total of $1500 at $500 each to Chris Haugen, Laurie Stewart Hanson and Kim Bauman to be used for materials and supplies on the FMSC mission trip to the Dominican Republic through Praying Pelicans.

NOTE: The Global Missions committee would like Chris, Laurie and Kim to attend a Celebration service before they leave so that the congregation can bless them. They will work with Rollie on a date
2. Tom Espel contacted Shelly Krosbakken in regards to her interest in Global Missions, but she was unable to make the early morning meetings work in her schedule.

3. Patti Sue with Casa de Fe is in the US for sabbatical and would like to get together with the Global Missions committee. Wednesday, May 29th at noon was chosen. Rollie will contact Patti Sue and Bob. Missy will reserve a room at First Lutheran and discuss a meal with Becki. Invites will go out once we have heard from Patti Sue.

4. Rollie explained the 20,000 Cup Global Mission Fund idea which is to get 1,000 people to give up the money for a cup of coffee per week and instead donate it to the 20,000 Cup Global Missions Fund. At the end of the year we will do a banquet with a slide show of all the mission trips and we are hoping to get Carson Wentz as the keynote speaker. He has been generous to First Lutheran in the past and is a supporter of Mission trips having been on several including meeting his wife on one.

Other Business:

1. May 19th is senior recognition Sunday and the graduating seniors will be recognized at the 11 am Celebration service.
2. May 19th at 10 am is also a Hands Only CPR class that Kalah will be teaching in Adult Ed.
3. Prayers go out to the Ethiopia mission team who will be leaving soon and to Larry and Sue Wild.

The next meeting will be June 13th at 7:00 am in the Luther Room.

Kalah Erickson will do devotions

Meeting adjourned with a prayer from Rollie

Respectfully submitted by

Missy Froeber