

Global Missions Committee Minutes * First Lutheran Church – Fargo, ND March 8, 2018

Present: Tom Espel, Greg Erickson, Kalah Erickson, Marianna Malm, Christine Bachmeier, Ann Williams, Russ Wastweet, Brock Franke, Katie Kringstad, Hailey Brenden and Missy Froeber

Meeting called to order by Tom Espel, Chair.

The mission statement and vision statement were recited.

Hailey Brenden opened with devotion on “Taking Time to Breathe” and read from Exodus 23:12.

The minutes were read. Russ Wastweet motioned to approve the minutes. Marianna Malm seconded. Motion passed.

Russ Wastweet presented the financial report. \$15,000 in Bihar funds have been freed up and added back into the Scheel fund. Brad and Sandi Miller are wrapping up their mission work in Quito. They are committed through April and then those funds should be freed up. Marianna Malm motioned to approve the finances. Brock Franke seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

1. TeachHaiti – This request will remain tabled until more funds come in. NOTE: Missy will ensure that Kathy Nelson and the Gideon Bible representative have each other’s contact information. Miquette is coming to speak in April and Katie will see if she can speak to the Sunday school classes.
2. Bihar, India update - These funds have been freed and are reflected in the Scheels fund amount.
3. Ordinary Hero update – This request is still tabled as no decision has been made on a missions trip as of yet. It will be kept on the agenda until more information is forthcoming.

New Business:

1. Hailey Brenden - ELCA Mission Worker to Nepal – Hailey submitted a request for \$11,000 to cover a two year commitment to the Kathmandu International Study Centre in Nepal. \$1,000 of this request is funding to help a local student continue with her education. If half of the funds are raised, Hailey does have a donor who will match those funds. A motion was made by Russ Wastweet to grant \$1,000 from the Scheel fund to help with the education of the student in Nepal. Kalah Erickson seconded. Motion passed.
 - a. *It was noted that the committee would be open to additional requests from Hailey as funds come in.*
2. Katie Kringstad - Ecuador Multi-Generational Mission Trip - Katie submitted a request for \$17,352 to cover the costs of the mission trip to El Refugio in Ecuador. A motion was made by Greg Erickson to grant \$1,000 now from the Scheel fund and to match up to \$8,000 from the

Scheel fund based on all fundraising events (not including any monies from the Foundation). Marianna Malm seconded. Motion passed.

- a. *It was noted that the committee would be open to additional requests from Katie as funds come in.*

Council Report – Marianna Malm reported that Engagement meeting to update the Congregation on the Build was well attended and that the staff is being very transparent in their communications with Constant Contact emails and updates in the newsletter and bulletins. The Council has agreed to fund Pastor Corey and Bev and Pastor Laurie and Doug as representatives to Slovakia for the anniversary celebration. The annual meeting has been set for July 29th.

Other Business (continued from the February meeting):

1. Dorcas Wang, ELCA Missionary in Beijing, will be in Fargo this summer. No dates have been set.
2. Phil and Debbie from Casa Gabriel in Ecuador will be at the April meeting.
3. China Service Ventures – we have not heard from them as of yet.
4. Committee members need to contact their missionaries to get annual reports. Eric Dybing will need information for the First Lutheran Annual meeting by early June.
5. Christine Bachmeier was going to try and find an address for Donata Nellermeoe as the committee would like to send her a card.
6. Donata's term is up this year. The committee needs to think of names for a new member.
7. Missionary Fund Ideas from the February meeting :
 - a. Members will ask their Missionaries for annual reports and a 2 minute audio/visual personal message to First Lutheran and Global Missions. A message that we can show the congregation in order to help tell the Global Mission's story.
 - b. Tom will speak to John Holmen about getting the word out to members who might want to donate to the Global Mission fund.
 - c. The Committee will discuss using Constant Contact to tell their story in email blasts to the congregation . . . "Look what Global Missions is doing".

Prayer Requests: Bill and Sharron, Daniel and family, Lu, Rollie and the mission team in Mexico.

The next meeting will be April 12 at 7:00 am in the Luther Room.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by

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