

## **Global Missions Committee Minutes\* First Lutheran Church – Fargo, ND August 9, 2018**

**Present:** Tom Espel, Russ Wastweet, Christine Bachmeier, Marianna Malm, Greg Erickson, Kalah Erickson, Brock Franke, Ann Williams, Missy Froeber and Rollie Johnson, Becky Anderson was a guest.

Meeting called to order by Tom Espel, Chair. Tom welcomed Marianna as the newest member of the committee and spoke on getting a council representative for Global Missions.

The mission statement and vision statement were recited.

Tom read the devotion from “Chris tin Our Home” on 1 Kings 19:4-8 and spoke on how important companionship to share bread and touch is to everyone.

Russ moved to approve minutes from July. Marianna seconded. Motion passed.

Russ presented the financial report. We have \$3,802 available in the Lee Fund and \$6,463 in the Scheel Fund, and there is \$5,455 in the Global Mission Samaritan Fund. Russ will check as to the \$1300 reserved for the Ecuador trip which is still in the fund. Russ will adjust the Activity Report to reflect David and Katrina Hasbrouck at \$295 per month, not Ivan and Kristen Bucher. Marianna moved to approve the financials. Kalah Erickson seconded. Motion approved.

### **Old Business:**

1. Ordinary Hero – there has been no update on this mission trip idea.
2. Roberto’s daughter - Rollie will write up a letter explaining the need to secure funding to help cover medical school costs. He will submit the letter to Pastor Corey for use of Good Samaritan funds and to Mission Soup for use of funds.

### **New Business:**

1. Operation Shoebox – Becki Anderson presented a request for \$3,000 to help purchase items for the confirmation kids to pack shoeboxes. Last year’s grant of \$3,000 helped pack 332 boxes and Becki still had one tote of items left over for this year. She likened it to the fishes and loaves. She has been in discussion with Pastor Corey to create a sustainable fund wherein congregation members could pay \$10 and pack a box right here at church with items purchased with seed money (possibly from the Foundation). Global Mission members thought this was a good idea. Marianna Malm motioned to approve Becky’s request for \$3,000 this year for Shoeboxes. Greg Erickson seconded. Motion approved.

### **Other Business:**

1. Tom Espel went over the current terms and officers for Global Missions. Brock Franke motioned to unanimously approve to keep the same officers. Christine Bachmeier seconded. Motion approved.
2. Christine Bachmeier reported on the Ecuador trip. It was very well run. She was impressed with how organized El Refugio was and meeting the families and children of those involved with El Refugio, Casa Bajo and the church was quite emotional. The team did a lot of building and painting as well as VBS. Chris’s highlight was meeting the shut in families who had such joy in the face of such adversity.
3. No date has been set yet for the Lee Family meeting

4. Jeff Nellerhoe will be at the Global Missions meeting in October to talk about China Ventures
5. Missy explained about the "Fun Facts" table tents that have been seen around the church. She asked that committee members email her any numbers or facts they know from Global Missions such as First Lutheran Church has helped fund and dig 600 wells for clean water in India or how many kids First Lutheran helps feed in the Ecuador program. The idea is to promote what Global Missions does to the congregation at large.
6. Brock Franke reported on Dorcas' stay. He said he had to put aside all preconceived notions as she arrived with just a backpack and no other luggage. He also reported that Dorcas will be retiring soon from her mission work and when she does, she will have to leave China even though it is her home country as she is no longer a Chinese citizen.

**Council Report:**

It was a successful Annual Meeting and the building project is progressing nicely. The Chapel has been sheet-rocked and they did the drywall this week. Framing is progressing in the nursery and the temporary door is visible in the Celebration Hall. Missy encouraged the Committee to take a look at the front construction through the window in CrossTalk Cafe.

**The next meeting will be September 13 at 7:00 am in the Luther Room. Rollie Johnson will do devotions.**

**Prayer requests for Larry.**

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by  
***Missy Froeber***