

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

Present: Tom Espel, Russ Wastweet, Greg Erickson, Kalah Erickson, Brock Franke, Ann Williams, Rollie Johnson, Missy Froeber and Pastor Corey Bjertness. Katie Johnson, Annika Kjar and Larry Wild were guests.

Meeting called to order by Tom Espel, Chair.
The mission statement and vision statement were recited.

Kalah Erickson read a devotion entitled, “From the Inside Out” which reminded us to be thankful for what we have and to remember the reason we celebrate this season.

Russ Wastweet moved to approve minutes from October. Kalah Erickson seconded. Motion passed.

Russ presented the financial report. The committee discussed the monies remaining in the Scheels and Lee funds. Brock Franke motioned to accept the financials. Ann Williams seconded. Motion approved.

Old Business:

1. Ordinary Hero – Katie Johnson and Annika Kjar presented on the First Lutheran Mission trip to Ethiopia through Ordinary Hero. Pastor Laurie Neill will be the full time staff member who goes along. They presented a budget based on 20 participants. They requested \$13,000 with a matching \$13,000 from the Foundation to help defray the fundraising costs each participant would have to raise. Russ Wastweet motioned to approve the Mission Trip with final approval from Council. Ann seconded the motion for approval. Motion approved.

Tom Espel explained that Global Missions can match up to \$500/person for a total of \$10,000 for 20 people. Russ Wastweet motioned to approve \$500/person for up to 20 people with funds from the Lee Fund. Ann Williams seconded. Motion approved.

2. China Service Ventures – Tom Espel reminded members of the ask for two Board members from First Lutheran. Pastor Corey will take the “job description” and post in the upcoming newsletter.

New Business:

1. Ecuador Mission Trip – We will be doing a mission trip to Ecuador/El Refugio this year. Erik Carlson will be the First Lutheran full time employee and will co-lead with Jessica Goroski. The trip will be geared toward high school kids and will be traveling in mid to late summer. Greg Erickson motioned to approve the mission trip to Ecuador. Brock Franke seconded. Motion approved.

NOTE: We will hold off on the Mexico Mission trip until mid-winter. Rollie is hoping to have Oscar and or Roberto here in January.

2. World Vision Catalog gifts – Larry Wild requested the amount for \$1196 to help purchase 2 boats, 6 soccer balls, 5 bed nettings, 4 fast growing seed packets, 3 small business loans for women, 3 wheel chairs, 2 fishing kits and 2 chickens for World Vision. Pastor Cory motioned to approve using the funds from the Global Missions Good Samaritan Fund. Russ Wastweet seconded. Motion approved.

3. Center for Christian Education (Slovakia) – Pastor Corey requested \$10,000 with a matching grant from the Foundation (already given) for our commitment of \$30,000 for the continued support of a teacher in Slovakia. First Lutheran also does a mailing request for funds that brings in about \$7,000 and will be working on a partnership with Atonement. Russ Wastweet motioned to approve the request for \$10,000 with \$6,463.45 coming from the Scheel fund, thereby emptying that fund, and the remainder in the amount of \$3,536.55 to come from the Lee fund. Ann Williams seconded. Motion approved.
4. Friends of Accion – Rollie requested \$5,000 to help repair the broken water facility at VIM (Children’s Mayan Village). Greg Erickson motioned to approve \$2500 from the Lee Funds based on the contingency that the funds are still needed (Rollie has not heard back from the Board president on the situation which occurred last month) and based on a match from the Foundation based. Brocke Franke seconded. Motion approved.

Rollie will submit a grant to the Foundation in the amount \$2500

Other Business:

1. Russ and Greg gave a brief overview of the Lee Family Meeting which took place last month. 5 members of the family were able to attend. Greg reminded everyone that Global Missions as the governing authority can ask the bank for more than the 5% if it was needed for a specific grant. Pastor Corey requested that the story of the Lee Family Fund be used in the upcoming newsletter. Russ will meet with Eric Dybing to put something together.
2. Missy passed out sign-up sheets for Feed My Starving Children. First Lutheran has committed to 300 volunteers on Feb. 2nd. Because of our partnership with Atonement on this project, the center in Minneapolis approached us to hold a bigger event this year with packing on two days and held in the Scheels Center. Fund raising is going well, but more money and volunteers are needed. Please sign up!

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

Brocke Franke will lead devotions.

Prayer requests for Pastor Laurie.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by

Missy Froeber