

## GLOBAL MISSIONS MEETING - October 10, 2013

ATTENDANCE - Brad Keller, Tom Espel, Russ Wastweet, Marianna Malm, John Benson, Donata Nellermoe, Larry Wild, Mary Rasmussen, Tom Mausbach, Magda Fitterer, Bruce Sundeen  
Guests: Craig Johnson and Gordon Olson, Mark Warpmaeker and Paul Steen from Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Brad Keller.

Mission and Vision statements were read aloud and a devotion and prayer was offered by Mary Rasmussen.

September Minutes - Marianna Malm moved to approve August minutes, Tom Mausbach seconded. Motion carried.

Financials - Russ Wastweet gave a brief overview of the accounts. Last month's approved funds were paid out. Mission Soup Sunday starts October 20. Tom Espel moved to approve financial report, Larry Wild seconded. Motion carried.

### New Business:

- Slovakia Mission Trip Approval - Craig Johnson presented an overview of the trip, seeking approval for the trip, which will happen in June/July 2014 for two weeks. They'll advertise looking for 4-5 people to join the mission. Motion to approve this trip was made by Larry Wild, seconded by Mary Rasmussen. Motion carried.
- Reach Global - Tom Mausbach - Asking for a matching donation of \$2,500 (matching his donation of \$2,500) to help establish a church among the Hui people of Shenyang, China. The goal is to have their own people teach and preach the gospel. Discussion followed. Mary Rasmussen motioned to grant the matching funds from the Scheels Fund, Donata Nellermoe seconded. Motion carried.
- Lutheran Partners in Global Ministries - Gordon Olson, Mark Warpmaeker and Paul Steen showed a slide presentation. This organization is based out of Minneapolis and works in CAR, India, Nigeria and Argentina. They partner with churches to run programs and are currently looking for churches to partner with the Village Savings and Loan project. They explained the process of how the poor people are taught and helped to save money that helps them open businesses or just double or triple their incomes. They are looking for churches or individuals to underwrite the program to keep it going. Funds are needed for the administration of the program - providing the boxes, pass books and to pay trainers. This program is designed to be self-sufficient, but will take a few years. They presented a budget, which Russ Wastweet will use to draw up a proposal. Discussion followed with ideas of how this should/could be promoted and how to include the congregation and the ELCA.

Council Report - Marianna Malm thanked Brad Keller for bringing the Well project to the staff, quadrupling the donations for clean water. She also expressed thanks for the FirstFest and how successful it was.

Donata Nellermoe will prepare November devotions. Prayer requests were taken and Gordon Olson and Brad Keller closed the meeting with prayers.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be November 14.

Respectfully submitted,

Magda Fitterer