

Global Mission Committee Agenda—Minutes—October 9, 2014

Present: Tom Espel, Brad Keller, Larry Wild, Marianna Malm, Mary Rasmussen, Donata Nellermoe, John Benson, Russ Wastweet

Mission Statement: The mission of First Lutheran Church Global Mission Committee is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the cultures and peoples throughout the world following the command of Jesus to “make disciples of all nations.”

Vision Statement: To inspire through welcome and worship
To equip through teaching and training
To reach through serving and sending.

Agenda: October 9, 2014. Introduction of guests—Bob Brunsvold and Christy Hayes, Interim Director, Casa de Fe, Ecuador

Reading of Mission Statement

Opening Prayer and Devotions: Mary Rasmussen

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made to approve the minutes by Marianna Malm, Seconded by Russ Wastweet. Unanimous Approval

Financials: Russ Wastweet went over the Financials. He noted that two checks had not been disbursed as of yet from the Scheels Fund: a \$3000 disbursement to Dana (Artinger) Bonilla in Ecuador as their future situation has not been settled and \$16,000 to the Village Finance fund in Central African Republic due to the current political situation in the country and awaiting the END Synod ‘matching contribution.’ All the other funds are accounted for in the Financial Activity Report.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report:

Donata Nellermoe made a motion to accept/file the report and Brad Keller seconded it. The Treasurer’s Report was unanimously approved.

New Business:

1) Larry Wild, with guests Bob Brunsvold and Christy Hayes, acting director, Casa De Fe (requests provided in Sept.)

Larry Wild introduced Bob Brunsvold and Bob introduced Christy. Christy spoke about changes that were happening in regards to social services in Ecuador that was having an impact on Casa de Fe. Previously, many residents of Casa de Fe stayed for long periods of time and it turned out that some of their children could not be adopted. Now Ecuador has said that all children have a fundamental right to a Happy Home. Children's rights have become paramount and as a result, quicker adoptions are taking place. Previously, up to 85 children had lived in Casa de Fe. This has now been cut down to 55 children as 34 children had been adopted recently.

The biggest need now for Casa de Fe was for a feeding program that would allow each child to get three meals a day for \$1.80 per child. Casa de Fe was asking First Lutheran to help feed 16 children for a year for a total amount of \$10,512. Brad Keller made a motion to take \$10,512 from the Lee Fund to pay for this program, and the motion was duly seconded. An amendment was proposed that we round the amount to \$10,600 but died without a second. The proposal was unanimously approved.

2) Mary Rasmussen - \$300 for Quilters

Mary Rasmussen asked that \$300 from the Scheels Fund be given to the First Lutheran Quilters for batting for quilts. Mary made a motion and Larry seconded it. Unanimously approved.

Other Business:

- 1. Lee Family 9:30 a.m. Saturday, October 11**
- 2. Marianna Malm - Mission Slovakia 'pay it forward' teachers visit (Oct. 22 - Nov. 6; at FLC Sun. 10/26 & Wed. 11/5)**
- 3. Next meeting, November 13, 2014**

Council Report: Marianna Malm

Next Meeting Devotions: Donata Nellerhoe volunteered to lead devotions at our next meeting on November 13th.

Prayer Requests: Numerous requests were included in closing prayers.

Close Respectfully submitted by John Benson