

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

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

Meeting called to order by Tom Espel, Chair.

The mission statement and vision statement were recited.

Marianna Malm opened with a “missionaries devotion” and read from 1 Corinthians 13: 4-13

The minutes were read. Missy will get Russ Wastweet the contact information for Kathy Nelson. Marianna Malm motioned to approve the minutes. Russ Wastweet seconded. Motion passed.

Russ Wastweet presented the financial report. He compiled a list of all the funds given from the Scheels Fund. Missy will make sure this gets to Rollie and Pastor Corey. Russ will send copies to everyone on the committee. Brock Franke motioned to approve the finances. Kalah Erickson seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

1. TeachHaiti – This request is still tabled until the March meeting, however TeachHaiti was granted \$6,000 from The Foundation to be used for chairs and or Bibles as needed.
2. Bihar, India update - Pastor Corey will be sending out a formal letter to the Global Missions Committee, however, the grant request to the Foundation has been withdrawn.
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. Mexico Mission trip – Rollie submitted a request for \$3,600. Russ Wastweet motioned to approve \$3,600 from the Lee Funds. Marianna Malm seconded. Motion passed.

Council Report – Marianna Malm reported that the All Task Force meeting update was held and suggestions were submitted to Council for approval. All suggestions by committees were approved by the Council. Missy report that a Congregational engagement meeting was held Wednesday, Feb. 7 and another will be held Sunday, Feb. 11th at 10:10 am in the Celebration Hall.

Other Business:

1. Hailey Brenden, ELCA Mission worker going to Nepal, submitted a request for funds. She will attend the March meeting and present.
2. Dorcas Wang, ELCA Missionary in Beijing, will be in Fargo this summer and is looking to speak at our July meeting.
3. China Service Ventures has had their status renewed. We may be asked to support them again.

4. Committee members should contact their missionaries to start getting annual reports in April and May. Eric Dybing will need information for the First Lutheran Annual meeting by June.
5. Christine Bachmeier will try and find an address for Donata Nellerhoe who is possibly in Arizona visiting a daughter. The committee would like to send her a card.
6. Donata's term is up this year. The committee will start thinking of names for a new member.
7. Missionary Fund Ideas :
 - 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 Contact Contact to tell their story in email blasts to the congregation . . . "Look what Global Missions is doing".
8. Tom Espel will ask Hailey Brenden if she will do the devotion at the March meeting. Missy will get Tom her contact information.

Prayer Requests: Bill and Sharron, Donata, Tracy and for missionary safety everywhere, Giving Hearts Day

The next meeting will be March 8th at 7:00 am in the Luther Room.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by

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