

## Global Mission Committee Agenda

**Present:** Brad Keller; Tom Espel; Russ Wastweet, Treasurer; Tom Mausbach, Chair; Marianna Malm; Mary Rasmussen; John Benson  
**Guests:** Rollie Johnson; Katie Gross and and Kahla Erickson

**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: February 12, 2015**

### **Reading of Mission Statement**

**Opening Prayer and Devotions:** Rollie Johnson shared a devotions with the committee

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for December and January were approved by all. Marianna Malm moved and Mary Rasmussen seconded them.

### **Financials:** Russ Wastweet

Russ shared the Financials with committee noting that the Scheel’s Fund currently has \$113,8000 of which \$21,400 has been set aside for Dana and Andres in Ecuador as they wait word about proceeding to the Middle East; \$16,000 for the CAR project with Partners in Global Mission; and \$2400 for Jim and Suzy Olson in Ecuador. With the delay in getting money to the CAR project, Tom Espel asked if a deadline might be put in place when we are waiting for matching funds to come through from our moneys. Russ also noted that the Scheel’s Fund had a remaining balance of \$92,400, but \$60,600 are currently invested in a CD, so are not immediately available for mission requests.

## **Approval of Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was approved by Tom Espel and seconded by Mary Rasmussen. All signified approval.

### **New Business:**

#### **1). Mission Aviation Fellowship, Dave and Erin Simon, Grand Forks—Rollie Johnson,**

Action on this area will be postponed until our March meeting.

#### **2). Katie Gross, RN, FLC medical mission to Malawi, Africa. Tom Mausbach and Pastor Corey.**

Katie Gross and Kahla Erickson spoke about their plans to go to Malawi with a group from International Medical Relief in October. They described the project and the willingness to recruit other medical people to go on this trip. Marianna Malm moved to send this on to Council with Brad Keller seconding it. All approved.

#### **3). Mary Rasmussen and Quilters request for \$300.**

Mary Rasmussen asked for a loan of \$300 to pay for batting and fabric to make quilts because they had no money currently to buy supplies. Tom Espel moved and Brad Keller seconded that \$300 be taken from the Scheel's Fund to pay for this. All approved.

### **Other Business:**

In Other Business, Katie and Tom Espel spoke about the teams from First Lutheran that would be running in one of the races during the Fargo Marathon and that the money they raised would be used to support the Wellspring Project.

Brad Keller spoke about Katrina Schumacher's work with Avant in Malaga, Spain and her work with Muslim women in that area. \$1000 was requested to be taken from the Scheel's Fund to support her work.

Marianna Malm moved and Russ seconded the disbursement of those funds to her from this account.

Tom Espel spoke about the work of Latif with YWAM in Perth, Australia. Tom's son, Stephen, will be going to Perth to study at Curtin University for the semester and hopes to re-initiate contacts with Latif. He hoped this would enhance communication between Latif and this committee.

**Next meeting: March 12, 2015**

**Council Report:** Marianna Malm

Marianna Malm gave the Council Report before the meeting to talk about the events this upcoming Sunday.

**Next Meeting Devotions:** Brad Keller agreed to give devotions next meeting.

**Prayer Requests:**

- the Fuhrman family on the recent death of Kelly
- the Rustad family on the death of their husband and father and the Shanley community
- terrorism in the Middle East seen through the actions ISIS

Tom Mausbach concluded the meeting with prayer.

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