

GLOBAL MISSIONS MEETING - February 13, 2014

ATTENDANCE - Brad Keller, Magda Fitterer, Russ Westweet, Marianna Malm, John Benson, Tom Espel, Pastor Corey Bjertness, Mary Rasmussen

Guests: Bob Brunsvold, Brittany Hanson and Ben Huynh

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Tom Espel.

Mission and Vision statements were read aloud and prayer and devotion was led by Brad Keller. Tom Espel thanked Brad Keller for his extra work as Brad filled in for Tom Mausbach while Tom has been out of town.

December Minutes were approved as presented.

Financials - Russ Westweet gave a brief overview of the accounts. **Marianna Malm moved to approve Financial Report, Brad seconded. Motion carried.**

January Minutes were reviewed. **Marianna Malm moved to approve January minutes, Mary Rasmussen seconded. Motion carried.**

Standing Rock Mission Trip - The correct form was submitted. Following the January meeting, Brad Keller sent out an email to all Global Missions Committee Members asking for approval of this mission trip. **Motion was accepted and carried by electronic vote.**

New Business:

- Slovakia Mission Trip - Pastor Corey presented a request of \$10,000 to support this mission trip, and would like to do a matching campaign as was done last year. **Brad moved to approve \$10,000 matching funds from the Scheels Fund for the Slovakia Center for Christian Education in Martin, Slovakia mission trip. Russ seconded. Motion carried.**
- CAR - Russ Westweet. Russ explained some of the new issues happening in this location. Russ would like to talk with Bishop Rindy about raising money through the synod to help support the Village Savings program and general assistance. Looking to match funds from the Scheels fund. Russ plans to ask Hope Lutheran Church to join us in this effort. Once everyone has been contacted, this item will be placed on a future agenda.
- Mexico Mission Trip - Brad Keller. The request from Graham Sibley was reviewed and discussed. Graham has also requested funds from the FLC Foundation. **Mary Rasmussen moved to grant the \$4,000 matching funds request from the Scheels Fund, Marianna Malm seconded. Motion carried.**
- Casa Adalia - Bob Brunsvold. Brad Keller is acting as committee sponsor for this request. Bob presented a video of Casa Adalia, who is affiliated with the International Teams Netherlands. He also spoke of a general needs list for Casa Gabriel. He did not come with any set amount needed but is going there next week and was hoping to bring some assistance with him. He is also requesting funds from his home church. **Marianna Malm moved to fund \$1,000 to Casa Adalia from the Lee Fund, with the plan that any unused dollars should be banked for any future projects or needs. Pastor Corey Bjertness seconded. Motion carried.**
- Faraja Project - Brittany Hanson, NDSU Nursing Student. Mary Rasmussen is sponsoring this request. Brittany is leaving on April 10 for Kenya. She is requesting funds for panties and pads for girls in Kenya who miss school one week every month due to their menstrual cycles. Tom stated interest in having Brittany submit an application for funds. This item, once the application has been received, will go on the March agenda.

- Vietnam ELCA Mission - Ben Huynh. Pastor Corey Bjertness looking into finding an ELCA connection in Vietnam and was unable to. Ben is looking to get more involved with this and when he has more information, he will share that information at another Global Missions Meeting.

Other Business:

Tracy Alin will bring in a specific request for assistance for the Mercy Orphanage in South India in the spring after her next trip, which is planned for April.

Pastor Corey Bjertness has requested that every time a check is issued for something the Global Missions Committee is supporting, there should be a check request form filled out and submitted to Christy. The Treasurer will be responsible for this task.

Tom Espel spoke of the upcoming First In Mission Event happening at the end of April, here at FLC.

Council Report - Standing Rock Mission trip was approved.

Russ Wastweet will prepare March's devotion.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be March 13.

Respectfully submitted,

Magda Fitterer