Global Mission Committee Minutes

December 13, 2018

Present: Christine Bachmeier, Corey Bjertness, Greg Erickson, Kalah Erickson, Tom Espel, Missy Froeber, Brock Franke, Rollie Johnson, Brad Keller, Marianna Malm, Russ Wastweet, Ann Williams

Meeting called to order by Chair, Tom Espel.

The mission statement and vision statement were recited. Brock reflected on the business we get wrapped up in during the time of Advent and our need to pause and be present for the coming of Christ.

The November minutes are modified to clarify that the committee discussed and approved support for the Ethiopia trip. While the funding amount was discussed, the vote was not for an approval of funds at this time. A request will be made for funds when the mission team is fully formed.

There was further discussion on whether the committee shall cover travel costs to a greater extent than we have historically. Recollections were that our original guideline was to pay no more than $500 per person or one third the cost of the trip, with the majority of the funding to be for mission supplies. It was discussed that some of the best mission work is doesn’t require materials. Tom asked for a volunteer to review our guidelines for clarification. Brad will take on that assignment.

Marianna motioned to approve the minutes from November. Brock seconded and all approved.

Russ Wastweet presented the financial report. He also mentioned talking with Terry about getting the Lee fund distribution of $30,000 in March rather than June. Brad motioned for the approval of the financial records. Chris seconded and all approved.

It was discussed that the committee should remind Rollie to discuss the replenishment of the original Scheel fund from Virginia Scheel. Does anyone else wish to reach out to Steve?

CSV – No updates regarding the request for board members.

El Refugio – Request – Brad Keller brought forth a request to fund between $5,000 and $7,500 for construction of the El Refugio Discipleship House. The project would add space to the existing Gate House enabling housing for interns and house parents. This would also free up the current intern housing for the Olsens to live on the premises.

Marianna motioned to fund the request at $5,000 and Brad seconded. There was then much discussion regarding what other funds could be used to increase the amount since the available Lee funds would be nearly depleted if the full funding came from the Lee fund. It was determined that the other funds such as Samaritan could be used for future requests and that we needn’t hold back Lee funds.
Marianna amended her motion to provide $7,000 from the Lee fund for the El Refugio Discipleship House project. Anne seconded. Brad abstained from the vote as he is on El Refugio’s Board of Advisors. All others approved, and the amended motion passed.

**Other business** – We’ll need to approve funding in January for Amistad using the Giving Hearts option.

**Council Report** – No council report

**Next Meeting Devotions** – Anne

**Prayer requests** – Larry Wild, who recently fell

**Closing Prayer** - Tom