

GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2016

Present: Ron Vandeberg, Pastor Kelli Schmit, Chris Preston, Jane Blank, Randy Hansen, Janine O-Rourke, Wayne Corey, Janet Knutson

Started with introduction of all team members. Randy Hansen is the new council rep for our committee. Janine O-Rourke and Wayne Corey are joining the team.

Opening devotions by Chris

Refugee Resettlement in our area

- Members of Health and Social Wellness team were with us for this part of the meeting.
- Collection of items for 9 kits of kitchen supplies is essentially complete. All items except 1 have been turned in. Chris P. will contact person who has not turned in the last item.
- Ron will call Covenant Lutheran to find a time when we can deliver the boxes to the central distribution center. Chris P. and Ron V. will deliver the boxes which are currently stored in Pastor Kelli's office.
- In addition to the kitchen goods, \$290 was donated for mattresses. Ron will get address for check submittal and give info to Rita so she can send the funds.
- Pastor Kelli will write thank-you note to congregation on behalf of Health and Social Wellness & Global Mission Committees. Thank-you will be put in Newsletter and News You Can Use.

Elizabeth Circle Bake Sale

- Elizabeth Circle typically makes over \$1000 on the bake sale in December. Proceeds have been donated to the McFarland Food Pantry.
- Elizabeth Circle is looking for someone to take over the bake sale, or at least provide significant help with the sale. Would Global Mission Committee do so? Circle is willing to make Rommegrot and contribute to baked goods.
- If Global Mission takes over, perhaps we can explore making cookies from other countries.
- Chris is willing to help with the sales table.
- Jane and Janine willing to bake and learn how the sale is run.
- Janet Knutson to discuss this proposal with Circle members to see if partial help and learning rather than taking over entire bake sale would be OK. In future years Global Mission could potentially run entire sale.
- Elizabeth Circle will get date for this year's bake sale.
- Pastor Kelli will get list of people who signed up on time and talent sheets for baking. These folks could potentially bake goods for the sale.

Mission Moment

- 1st Sunday in October is set aside for a Global Mission moment at start of all services.
- Bonnie will present and Ron will put slides together.
- An invitation to join a mission trip to Uganda in March 2017 will be included.

Exploring Expansion of Puerto Rico ministry

- No Update.

Liberia / Pastor Palmer

- Pastor Palmer did not visit us during his summer visit to the states. He did post an update on his blog about small actions making a huge difference.
<https://tryingsmall.wordpress.com/>

Tanzania / Bishop Bagonza

- Frida Bagonza (wife of Bishop Bagonza) is currently attending St. Teresa College in St. Paul to get a master's degree in accounting, which will enable her to get a good job with the Tanzanian government. She is living month to month to pay expenses, and will need additional financial assistance to finish getting her degree (planned May 2017).
- Elizabeth Circle is providing some funding to Frida.
- Janet Knutson will check with Huldah for a date when Frida could present at the Adult Education hour. If no date available, perhaps Frida could visit some Sunday so she can renew acquaintances.
- Pastor Tim is checking whether there is any money in designated funds that could be used to provide some support for Frida.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting is at regular scheduled date of Oct 10. Randy will be gone.

Devotions for next meeting by Jane.