

GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2016

Present: Ron Vandeberg, Pastor Kelli Schmit, Jane Blank, Janine O-Rourke, Wayne Corey, Bonnie Dirks, Randy Hansen, Mike Catterall

Opening devotions by Bonnie.

Elizabeth Circle / Global Mission Bake Sale

- Bake Sale was yesterday (December 11). There was an abundance of donated goods with a significant amount contributed by people who volunteered on their 'time and talent' forms to supply baked goods for special events.
- So far \$1386 (gross) was received, from which \$70 was used to pay for rommegrot ingredients.
- Goods that were not sold will be put out next week for sale.
- Thank you note has been drafted by Janine. Pastor Kelli will put it in the newsletter and news-you-can-use.
- There was not a matching donation from Thrivent. Request for matching funds need to be made 30 days before the event.
- Janine wrote up instructions to organize and run the bake sale, including the communication plan.
- Global Mission Committee is willing to take on the bake sale in its entirety starting next year. The date would need to be picked so that most team members are available the day of the sale. Jane will talk with Elizabeth Circle to confirm that they want to let go of the bake sale and whether they want a say in where the proceeds go.

Uganda / Hope-4-Kids

- Trip to Uganda is set for March 21 to April 3. The project will be a latrine.
- Cost to build the latrine is \$3000 (not \$4000 as previously stated). \$900 has already been donated by people who heard about the upcoming trip.
- Council meets tomorrow night and will need to approve the fund raising. Randy now has all the info he needs
- Fund raiser would need to be wrapped up by Feb 21 with funds sent to Hope-4-Kids. Thus fund raiser for this project would be done before Habitat for Humanity fundraiser which starts in March.
- Communication plan theme will be based on the moon as often depicted on doors of traditional outhouses. Newsletter, global mission bulletin board, and a special display will be used. Ron, Mike, and Bonnie will work on details of communication plan.
- Use a moon as the 'thermometer' to indicate % of funds raised, such as ¼ moon, 1/2 moon, full, etc.
- Use newsletter and announcement slides to promote project. Newsletter article needs to be submitted by Jan. 6. Article in New-You-Can-Use for 2 weeks.

- Pastor Kelli will check with Pastor Tim to determine date for a mission moment, either Jan 15 or 22 preferred. [Post meeting announcement – Jan 22 is the date].

Refugee Resettlement in our area

- Our synod's Refugee Resettlement Task Force does not need donations of large items at this time. The storage area is overflowing, and after 1 refugee family arrives in December it is not clear when (or even if) additional families will be coming.
- Ron to contact synod to determine if donations for the mattress fund are still needed.

Exploring Expansion of Puerto Rico ministry

- Bethel Lutheran is looking to do a trip to Puerto Rico similar to our trip, rather than sponsoring Puerto Rico youth to come here for Bethel Horizons camp.
- Mike will be going to Puerto Rico in January and can have some firsthand conversations with Pastor Pablo and youth director Jafet.

Liberia / Pastor Palmer

- Nothing new to report.

Tanzania / Bishop Bagonza

- \$500 has been sent to Frida Bagonza. Check was made to the university that Frida is attending so funds must be used for tuition.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting is on regular scheduled date of January 9, 2017. Jane and Wayne will not be able to attend.

Devotions for next meeting by Mike.