

## **GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**February 13, 2017**

Present: Ron Vandeberg, Janine O-Rourke, Mike Catterall, Bonnie Dirks, Jane Blank, Wayne Corey, Beth Gilpin

Beth Gilpin joined our group. Welcome, Beth. Glad to have you.

Opening devotions by Janine.

### **Elizabeth Circle / Global Mission Bake Sale**

- Jane presented feedback from Elizabeth Circle about Bake Sale. After seeing how December bake sale went, Elizabeth Circle is happy to relinquish control. However there is some disappointment that the McFarland Food Pantry will not receive all of the funds raised by the bake sale.
- Global Mission plans to donate 50% of proceeds to food pantry, and then decide on an annual basis where the remaining 50% will go.
- Jane will contact Pastor Tim to determine date for 2017 bake sale. [Post meeting note: Date is Dec 10, 2017].

### **Uganda / Hope-4-Kids**

- Trip to Uganda is set for March 21 to April 3. There are 10 people from our church and 7 or 8 from Bonnie's son's church that will be going on the trip, plus Angie and perhaps one other person from Hope-4-Kids.
- Fund raising will end next week. So far \$6880 has been raised by our congregation (versus goal of \$3000), and \$620 raised by congregation of Bonnie's daughter. Bonnie will fill 100% of moon after upcoming Sunday. Bonnie will also write thank-you article for newsletter.
- In the village of Sesera, Uganda (same village where we built well and finished the church) there is not enough space on church land to build the latrine and keep it an adequate distance from the well. There is some nearby land available, but owner of the land is not willing to donate the land. The land owner did donate land for the church. One option is using some of the funds we raised to buy the land, and a second option is building the latrine in another village.
- After discussion, we agreed that it would be better to build latrine in 'our village', Sesera. Bonnie will contact Pastor Peter to find out who would negotiate price of land, how long it would take to buy land, and who would own the land after purchase. Answers to these questions will be sent to Global Mission Committee and others going on Uganda trip, and we will have an email discussion to determine course of action. Since next monthly meeting is just a week before leaving for Uganda, this is too late to make a decision about latrine location; thus the email discussion.

- [Post meeting discussion]: Pastor Peter replied that it would only take a day or so to purchase the land. Cost is 8,500,000 Uganda schillings (under \$2400 US). Land would be owned by the church. Email discussion resulted in agreement that we would use some of the raised funds to purchase the land in Sesera for the latrine. This keeps 3 major projects in 'our village of Sesera', rather than spreading projects around to different villages.
- Janine showed samples of tie-dye shirts and dresses that were made by the local 4-H club.

### **Refugee Resettlement in our area**

- Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) event for church leaders, to be held March 11 at Good Shepard Church on Raymond Road, will have a session on Refugee Resettlement. Please look at the website and consider attending.

### **Exploring Expansion of Puerto Rico ministry**

- Nothing new to report.

### **Liberia / Pastor Palmer**

- Nothing new to report.
- We have had an ongoing challenge getting any information from Pastor Palmer about his activities and need for additional support. His blog seldom has an update, and emails asking about his ministry are unanswered. Let's consider changing our support to another missionary, perhaps Pastor Kersten in Egypt working for St. Andrews Refugee Services. Ron will research what we need to do with ELCA to switch support to a different missionary.

### **Tanzania / Bishop Bagonza**

- About Feb 1, Bishop Bagonza had surgery in Germany for prostate surgery. Frida was not able to get a VISA to be with him during the surgery.
- Frida has money for Feb rent.
- Frida's current school term ends Feb 23. New term starts shortly thereafter and she will need \$1500 for tuition. It is not clear if Bishop Bagonza will be able to give her any financial support.
- Global Mission Committee is not planning any action at this time.

### **2017/ 18 budget**

- Pastor Kelli has budget worksheets for next fiscal year, but she could not attend this meeting due to illness. We will get worksheet next month.
- Next year there will be a Puerto Rico mission trip (assuming we stick to every-other-year plan) so we should budget for that.
- Ron to talk with Faith Formation team to see if they are interested in having additional speakers explaining other religions.
- Tentatively keep Global Mission budget same as this year (\$1800). Discuss further next month.

**Next Meeting:**

Next meeting is on regular scheduled date of March 13, 2017. Beth will not be able to attend.

Devotions for next meeting by Pastor Kelli.