

GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2017

Present: Ron Vandeberg, Jane Blank, Wayne Corey, Beth Gilpin, Pete Ellestad, Randy Hanson

New Member

- We heartily welcome Pete Ellestad as a member of our committee.

Uganda / Hope-4-Kids

- Discussed Uganda mission trip and impressions it left. We gained an understanding of conditions in a 'third-world' country. We noticed that many Ugandan's often give thanks and praise to God for all they have, even though they have noticeably less than Americans.
- Actual amount spent for floor for Pastor Peter's house was \$241.86, less than the anticipated \$300.
- Jane, Ron V., Janine, Brent, and Bonnie met with Pastor Alex in Uganda to see current state of piggery project. Land was purchased for the piggery, but completion of a fully functioning piggery did not happen. The drought made it very expensive to buy pig feed, and due to an outbreak of foot and mouth disease the government made it illegal to sell pigs. The few remaining pigs are now in Pastor Alex's yard. Pastor Alex agreed to meet with the Work and Prayer group and come up with a new plan to raise funds to help the indigent in the community. Depending on the decisions made, it is possible the land originally purchased for the piggery may be sold and the funds used to start another type of business.
- Presentation to the congregation about Uganda trip is scheduled on June 11 during the Faith Formation hour. Jane has put together a PowerPoint presentation. There will be a first dry run in a few weeks, and a final run through the presentation at Janine's house a few days before June 11.

Missionary Support / Pastor Kirsten Fryer

- Our Missionary support has been switched from Pastor Palmer in Liberia to Pastor Fryer in Cairo, Egypt.
- Ron will send link to StARS website, the organization that Pastor Fryer works with.
- We should send personal letter to Pastor Fryer to tell her that we are now supporting her through the ELCA synod. Ron to ask Pastor Kelli if she will write letter.
- The flags in the Family Life Center that represent ministries we support in various countries are outdated. Beth will order new flags and get them installed, with a goal of finishing before the annual meeting in July. Flags will be from USA, Puerto Rico, Uganda, Egypt, and Tanzania.

Tanzania / Bishop Bagonza

- Frida has not requested any support for tuition or rent. She has obtained a temporary work permit and has a cleaning job at the day care center in her apartment complex. Her schooling should be complete in middle of August, but there is not a graduation ceremony in August so she would like to stay until October to be able to walk across the stage as part of the formal graduation.
- Daughter Vision has now completed her Bachelor's degree and is studying to take the Medical exam. She would like to attend medical school.

2016/17 budget

- \$741.68 spent to date, versus a budget of \$1800.

Synod Assembly

- Wayne attended as a voting member and thought the conference was very well run.
- There were 2 resolutions impacting Global Mission that were presented and passed. One resolution encouraged congregations to support welcome refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers. The second was support for a carbon fee to help prevent climate change, which we should support by communicating to members of congress.

Next scheduled meeting is moved to the third Monday of June, so June 19 at 6:30 pm.

Devotions for next meeting by Mike Catterall if he can attend.