

GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2017

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

Devotions by Mike Catterall

Uganda / Hope-4-Kids

- Pastor Eric Sabat sent a proposal and budget for 5 years of work to expand use of Moringa. We had lots of questions about proposal, scope of project, associated costs, and timing of events. All committee members should read his proposal and budget in detail and send comments to Bonnie.
- Bonnie is thinking of going to Uganda in October to follow-up on some training for teachers and to work on finalizing proposal for Moringa expansion.
- On an initial reading of Moringa plan we're thinking there should be a phased approach for Moringa expansion by extending to one village first, thus gaining experience and then determining best way to expand to other villages.
- Ron will take Eric's proposed budget, which is in Ugandan shillings, convert to US dollars, and resend to entire committee.
- We should consider use of a blog or U-tube videos to spread the Moringa story to our congregation. There is a U-tube video called Moringa – the Miracle Tree which may be very good for the purpose.

Puerto Rico Mission trip

- **Tentative** dates for P.R. mission trip are Thursday, 3/22 to Wed 3/28. Flights on these days are less costly than other nearby dates. This is during Holy Week. Youth would need to get out of school one day early.
- **Tentative** estimated cost of trip is \$875. 20 group airline tickets have been reserved with no cost if they are changed later.
- Chris L. and Mike C. are working to firm up plans and dates so dates can be announced to congregation on rally day (Sept 10).

Bake Sale

- Pastor Kelli will check that date of Dec. 10 is set on the church calendar. She will also email newsletter deadline dates.
- Start publication of date and call for goods on Nov. 5.
- Janine will coordinate with Chris Landerud for youth to make Lefse and Roomegrat. Chris has set preliminary dates.

- Per previous agreement, half of bake sale proceeds will go to McFarland Food Pantry and other half will go to a cause to be determined each year. For this year we will consider giving the second half to Puerto Rico Iglesia Luterana Reconcilacion church to support their food panty and feeding of homeless, with final determination made later as plans for Puerto Rico trip are firmed up.
- We should put up signs at bake sale to announce where the proceeds will go.

Tanzania / Bishop Bagonza

- Frida is one class short of graduating in August, so she will be staying in Minneapolis a while longer. She does have a temporary work permit so is earning some money. She has not requested any support for tuition or rent.

2017/18 budget

- \$1800 budget request approved at annual meeting. Beth will be requesting reimbursement for flag purchase.

Other business

- Beth Gilpin will be attending Befriender training. Class time is at same time as Global Mission meeting, so Beth will be missing GM meetings for a few months.

Next meeting will be one week later than normal, specifically September 18.

Devotions for next meeting by Pete Ellestad.