

GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2018

Present: Wayne Corey, Jane Blank, Ron Vandenberg, Bonnie Dirks, Pastor Kelli, Roger Marty, Kallan Swenson, Randy Hansen, Mike Catterall

Devotions by Jane Blank.

Puerto Rico Mission

- Breakfast fundraiser for Puerto Rico on Jan 21 was a success with about \$2600 in donations raised at the event and about \$2000 more coming in afterwards.
- Between November appeal and breakfast fundraiser our congregation has sent about \$16K (actual amount \$15,855.93) to Iglesia Evangélica Luterana Reconciliación in Puerto Rico.
- Thrivent provided a \$250 grant to support the breakfast fund raiser.
- Reconciliation Lutheran church is still without power. There is an issue with the power pole and transformer at the corner of the property and it is not a high priority for the village to fix. A generator is being used to conduct the church services.
- Pastor Pablo mentioned that Lutheran Disaster Relief (LDR) is doing some work in P.R. and is using the synod camp to house workers. We may be able to send a small group to P.R. to do some work but we should coordinate with LDR rather than establishing our own effort.

Uganda / Water-4-Kids

- Kallan sits in on the water ambassador calls for Water-4-Kids.
- Water-4-Kids has plans and materials to sponsor a walk to raise money for wells. If we raise money for a well we can specify that the money goes for a well in Uganda. Committee agreed and supports a walk.
- Look at holding walk in late spring or early fall to get schools involved. Perhaps hold the walk around Tom Eggum's visit in September. Holding a walk this spring seems too soon to organize. Fall might work well and we could potentially have a well dedication in Uganda during the spring 2019 trip.
- 3 miles is a good length for the walk because it corresponds to a typical length that women in Uganda walk for water. Could potentially do the walk on the new bike and walking path that starts in McDaniel's park.
- Possibly use Family Festival as an advertising booth.
- [Post meeting notes from email communications: Saturday Sept 22 looks like a great date, one week after McFarland Family Festival and Tom Eggum visit. New walking / bike path seems like a great location, and both the McDaniel Park and Brandt Park shelters are available on the 22nd.

Uganda/ Hope-4-Kids

- April 8 is the date we will do another presentation during the faith formation hour on the Uganda trip. Presentation is planned to be essentially the same as the presentation last June. A sheet with preliminary info about the April 2019 trip will be available at the presentation.
- Jane will get the powerpoint and agenda and list of presenters and send it all out.
- Bonnie will communicate with Beth (not at tonight's meeting) to get the bulletin board changed back to Uganda theme before the presentation.
- When Tom Eggum visits and preaches on Sept 15, 16 we should consider giving him an honorarium. If we do so, this should be considered in the 2018/19 budget.
- Bonnie received some emails from Pastor Alex. The Work and Prayer group has decided to sell the land that was bought for the piggery and use the money to purchase another piece of land on which to build a house and store. The group still plans to support widows (apparently from the profits, but the letter isn't clear).

StARS in Cairo / Pastor Fryer

- No update.

Tanzania / Bishop Bagonza

- Question raised whether Global Mission can give some money to Frieda and Prince for their airfare back to Tanzania. We could potentially do this, but we would need more info from Frieda about planned return dates, costs, etc. Ron will give this feedback to Janet Knutson since she is our contact with Frieda.

Other business

- Budget – need to plan for next fiscal year. Discuss at next meeting. Some 2018/19 items to consider are Walk-4-Water, Tom Eggum visit, Uganda mission trip, Moringa support in Sesera.
- Roger Marty is looking at a possible mission trip to Louisiana to repair or build houses with Habitat for Humanity. This is still repair of damage caused by the hurricane several years ago. Cost could be approximately \$700 per person, with a fundraising goal of \$8000 for the entire trip. Roger will try to get more details for the next meeting.

Upcoming Global Mission Events	
April 8, 2018	Faith Formation presentation of Uganda mission trip
July 15, 2018	Pastor Kristen Fryer preaches and presents during Faith formation hour.

Sep. 15-16, 2018	Tom Eggum, Pres. of Hope-4-Kids visits and preaches
Sep. 22, 2018 (tentative)	Walk-4-Water fundraiser
April 2-15, 2019	Uganda mission trip w/ Hope-4-Kids

Next meeting will be March 12.

Devotions for next meeting by Roger Marty.