

## **GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**June 11, 2018**

Present: Wayne Corey, Ron Vandenberg, Beth Gilpin, Pastor Kelli, Kallan Swenson, Mike Catterall, Pete Ellestad

Devotions by Beth Gilpin.

### **Puerto Rico Mission**

- Mike talked with Pastor Pueblo. Iglesia Evangélica Luterana Reconciliación is still waiting for their insurance company to evaluate the hurricane damage and give quote. Repairs done to date on the church are only temporary. Beyond insurance delays throughout P.R., with some insurance companies worse than others, there are problems getting supplies for repairs because any available supplies are used by contractors fixing properties.
- Lutheran Disaster Relief (LDR) is working to repair the Synod camp with the goal of having LDR workers stay there to assist with disaster recovery. The camp fixup is scheduled to be done by end of July.
- To compensate for spring 2018 P.R. mission trip that was cancelled, we are looking into a possible mission trip in March 2019. We need more info about camp availability before proceeding with any detailed planning.

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

- Bonnie forwarded email on 5/19 from Pastor Eric Sabit. Moringa expansion is continuing but not without challenges.

### **Uganda / Water-4-Kids**

- Based on comments from Wayne, a long time participant in fund raising activities, and comments from other committee members, there was much discussion about ways to improve communications about the Walk and get more buy-in.
- Campaign should stress that we at MLC have previously raised funds for a well, and now we are going to do it again. Point is that we aren't an unproven new-comer, but rather we are expanding past success.
- Do one news release in mid-July based around the narrative of past success and mention that you, the reader, can help. A second news release at beginning of Sept will stress the dates and the event. Wayne will write the newspaper articles. Ron will send history of first well to Wayne. Include pictures!
- Need to get MLC mentioned on the posters and web communications. Currently it looks like event is being run by an unknown entity (Walk-4-Water) in Arizona and there is no tie-in to MLC. Kallan discussed with W-4-W and proper wording should be "presented by McFarland Lutheran". Kallan will send our church logo to Mellissa at W-4-W and she will put the logo on the homepage for the fundraiser. Logo will get to Kallan and Beth via email from Pastor Kelli.

- Beth or Kallan will print some stickers that we can put on existing posters to note the walk is Presented by McFarland Lutheran.
- W-4-W will provide a large banner that we will have at the walk and the participants can sign. To give an idea of banner size and makeup, Ron will send picture of a banner that was present at a 2017 well dedication.
- If we want, Hillary, the leader of the water effort in Uganda, will do a video that we can use for promotion.
- Next round of posters will be printed after corporate sponsors are identified, about the end of July.
- Sign-up for donations and walk is very slow at this time. Kallan will ask W-4-W if they have any statistics on how many people sign up when. We suspect most people sign up close to the event.
- Consider doing a mission moment or a skit to get attention of our congregation.
- Discussion about setup and manning of booth at Family Fest tabled until next meeting.
- For donated items / gifts, per state law we cannot do a raffle to distribute the items if the event does not benefit someone in Wisconsin. We can do a silent auction or a game of skill. We're leaning towards a silent auction. More discussion to come.
- Sign-up for the walk through Facebook or the web link: [www.w4ki.org/w4w/mcfarland-wi](http://www.w4ki.org/w4w/mcfarland-wi)

### **StARS in Cairo / Pastor Fryer**

- Pastor Kirsten Fryer and some of her family members will be with us on July 15. She will preach at both services and present at Faith Formation. Pastor Kelli invited members of Hope Lutheran to attend the service and / or Faith Formation presentation.
- Skaalen clubhouse reserved for lunch with Pastor Kirsten.
- Ron to get Honorarium check cut for Pastor Kirsten, value \$200.
- Since Pastor Kelli wrote info to invite Hope Lutheran, she will put similar memo in NYCU and Newsletter. A low key invitation for lunch will be included, contact Ron to attend.

### **Tanzania / Bishop Bagonza**

- Bishop Bagonza visited Minneapolis in early June for Frida's graduation ceremony on 6/2. Frida is planning to leave USA at beginning of August when Vision moves to Cleveland. Frida is not requesting any financial support at this time.
- Mission, daughter of Frida and Bishop Bagonza, was also here for Frida's graduation. Mission is now 22, and she has not been back to the USA since she left at age 8. Mission will be going to school in the Philippines.
- Daughter Vision will be going to Cleveland Clinic to get an advanced degree with a focus on research. Cleveland Clinic will cover cost of tuition.

### **Habitat / Thrivent trip to Louisiana**

- Email update from Roger: No one has signed up for the trip yet. Roger will do a mission moment about the trip on July 8.

<b>Upcoming Global Mission Events</b>	
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	Walk-4-Water fundraiser
Nov. 4-10, 2018	Habitat / Thrivent trip to Louisiana
Dec. 9, 2018	Bake Sale
April 2-15, 2019	Uganda mission trip w/ Hope-4-Kids

Next meeting scheduled July 9.

Devotions for next meeting by Pete.