Global Missions Committee Minutes & First Lutheran Church, Fargo  
June 13, 2019

Present: Tom Espel, Greg Erickson, Russ Wastweet, Brad Keller, Tracy Farmer, Christine Bachmeier, Kalah Erickson, Brock Franke, Ann Williams, Rollie Johnson and Missy Froeber.

Meeting called to order by Tom Espel. The mission and vision statements were recited.

Kalah Erickson read from “The Key to Being Satisfied” for the devotion.

Minutes from May - Tracy Farmer moved to approve the minutes from May. Kalah Erickson seconded. Motion approved.

Financials - Russ Wastweet presented the financial reports for May. Chris Bachmeier motioned to approve the financials. Brock Franke seconded. Financials approved.

Old Business:

1. Giving Guidelines update – This item was tabled again.
2. 20th Anniversary of El Refugio – due to schedule conflicts, no one from First Lutheran is able to attend the 20th Anniversary celebration. The Global Missions committee would like to give Suzy and Jim Olson a gift of $200 from the Samaritan Fund to show our appreciation for their ministry. Missy will contact Pastor Corey about this request.
3. Ordinary Hero/Ethiopia – the mission team is back and has posted pictures of their trip on facebook.

New Business:

1. Casa de Fe: – Bob Jamison was unable to attend, but has submitted a grant request in the amount of $15,000 for payroll support. Brock Franke has been in contact with Bob and updated the committee that PattiSue’s trip to the US has been successful in that they are now only 1 month behind in payroll. Discussion followed on sustainability and the advantages of monthly support rather than a 1 time grant. Brock Franke has indicated that he and his wife will be going on a mission trip to Case de Fe next year. Brock motioned to provide $500/month for 12 months, a total of $6,000 for the year and reevaluate at the end of the year. Greg seconded the motion. Motion approved with funds to come from the Lee Fund.

Other Business:

1. We have received updates from Jim and Suzy, Pastor Fabian and Kirsten Bucher. Missy will ask Pastor Corey about getting an update from Bryan Blomker. Russ will work with the Docci’s for an update and arrange a visit for when they are here in July.
2. Brad motioned to approve a 2% increase across the board to the monthly budgets. This will result in $50+/month and $600+ annually. Chris Bachmeier seconded. Motion approved for a 2% increase.
3. Hasbrouck’s will be here for the July 11th meeting
4. Chris Bachmeier had a suggestion for a possible new member. She will contact her suggestion. Kalah Erickson is finishing her 1st term and Russ Wastweet is finishing his 2nd term. Tom Espel would like to step down as chair for next year. He asked members to prayerfully consider a new chair for the coming year.

5. Missy updated the committee on the building progress. The Luther room is now in use as a temporary office. The main office areas will undergo construction by the end of the month. The dividing wall in the gathering space should come down soon and the new bathrooms will then be complete. Brick work is progressing nicely on the outside.

6. Prayers go out to Marrianna Malm and the team traveling to Slovakia, Paul and Mary Ellen Berge, Kalah and her friend’s family and Chris’s son and his family.

The next meeting will July 11th at 7:00 am in the Luther Room.

Katrina and David will do devotions

Meeting adjourned with a prayer from Tom Espel

Respectfully submitted by
Missy Froeber