Agenda: Mission Council

Monday November 16, 2021

7:00 PM

VIRTUAL ONLY!!

\*\*\*\* [www.fpcemission.weebly.com](http://www.fpcemission.weebly.com)

(Starred items on the Weebly site linked above)

[Communication with Session Form](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gv7ikwHpGbYHnS1Cy7M2XRQu3PiQmQ3kUKbFLFZpDLg/edit?usp=sharing)

[Devotion sign-up](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4bafae2ba2ff2-devotion)

Attendees: Susan Wilkins (Co-Chair), Richard Taiwo, Dave Ivaska, Cam Traut (Co-Chair), Dick Warnecke (Elder), Barb Smith, Sonia Bodi, Ron Ehresman, Richard Taiwo Peter Steffen, Suzanne Sawada, Caryl Weinberg (staff).

Open with Prayer: Sonia/Barna Chaper

Updates from Caryl

* Caryl’s Trip with TOF: October 1-8
* Our Families Our Children reimbursed our expenses for the Mission Week. $1625.63
* Book Launch, Mitri Raheb and Politics of Persecution. 38 people attended; 40 books sold (directly to BSB)
* Partner Applications will be sent to:
  + Michael Allen/Together Chicago
  + Dorren Rodriguez (Syrian Refugees in Lebanon – Vineyard Church)
  + Tavriski Christian Institute
* “Unthanksgiving” First Friends gift baskets. (No dinner this year.)
* Chicagoland Prison Outreach at FPCE Thursday Nov. 18 at 7:15 pm. Desserts and appetizers
* Together Chicago and Ten Thousand Villages Community Shopping Event: Friday Dec. 3, 5:00-8:00 in the store. Then all day Saturday and Sunday. Michael Allen will be there and talk on
* Movie Series Update
* Melanie/Tessa
* Dana Teeter Memorial Nov. 20 at the Cyrstal Ballroom 5:00PM. (Private one at FPCE) Should we give a gift in her honor?
* Christmas Party alternative? Secret Santa??

Financial Report/Decisions:

* Mission Finances and update on Financial Advisory Team: Susan
* Budget for 2022

Mapped Funding Guidelines \*\*\* PLEASE review content including numbers/percentages. Susan has a hard copy you can pick up on Sunday – at the front desk or in class. Below is a summary spreadsheet of our giving/against our goals. FYI

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|  |  |  |  |  |  | Budget # |  | Budget % | Goal on Guidelines% |  |
|  | Admin | | | |  | 16,100 |  | 8% | 5% |  |
|  | MD Salary | | | |  | 30000 |  | 15.46% | 0 |  |
|  | Evangelism and Discipleship | | | |  | 75500 |  | 39% | 35% |  |
|  | Dev. National Leaders in Majority World | | | | | 23500 |  | 12% | 25% |  |
|  | Serving Society with Compassion and Justice | | | | | 32000 |  | 16% | 20% |  |
|  | Strategic FPCE Initiatives | | | | | 12750 |  | 7% | 15% |  |
|  | Undesignated | | | |  | 4,210 |  | 2% | 0% |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 194,060 |  | 100% | 100% |  |

Goals and priorities for 2022 and beyond:

* Do we need a new one?
* What is the next thing we should work on after the movie series?

Goal 2: Collaborate with Our Families/Our Children Council to develop a partnership/friendship program between our children/youth and our partners in mission’ children/youth locally and globally by January 2022.

* How are we doing?

Leadership Goal Work:

* Goal 1: Develop and implement an educational curriculum that nurtures, trains, and mentors lay leaders so that 20 new individuals will participate in mission-related activities by January 2022.

Possible Pieces of a Mission “Curriculum”/Rubric for Growth and Leadership

(New volunteers: Movie 3, First Friends 3, Mission Budget 2, Rebuilding 2 Mission Prayer 1. So, we are 50% toward our goal!!)

1. Condensed Perspectives Class
2. Mission Movie series (To attract different people rather than the same attendees... to our classes.)
3. Cultural Training – skill-based
4. Engagement in local Chicago/Evanston ministries
   1. Chicagoland Prison Outreach
   2. Rebuilding Together
   3. New Life
5. Teaching on outreach with Muslims, including a trip to a local mosque (Dan McNerney)
6. Mission Trip, (in person and/or virtual)
   1. Training prior to trip
   2. Accompanying/Mentoring on trip
   3. Debrief during and after trip

What are we missing? Will this engage new people? Melanie’s wise advice: We know we don’t want to do what we’ve always done – because we’ll end up with the same people!

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

* **Next Meeting Date: December 20 2021 (Devotion: Minutes😊)**

“Our vision is to empower and equip every member of FPCE to be Christ’s witnesses locally and globally.” We do this by: “Engaging with our partners; focusing on relational and cross-cultural outreach ministries in areas of disparities with vulnerable people groups, focusing our funds on those serving in full time ministry, mainly in unreached areas; and providing education that is relevant and equipping in nature.”

Current Priorities

* Adult Education/curriculum:
* Communication/Congregational Engagement
* Mission Partner Care:
* Community Outreach (Evanston):
* Mission Trips:
* Refugees/First Friends

FPCE FOCUS GOALS 2020:

* + Goal 2: By January 2022, two thirds of the FPCE members have joined a small group.
  + Goal 3: By January 2022, 100 FPCE members have experienced a robust training and development program for lay leadership that resulted in new lay leaders, mentors and volunteers.
  + Goal 4: By January 2022, 100 kids have regularly attended PYGS and 100 kids have regularly attended NUBS. (Increase children and youth participation in the life of FPCE.)