Agenda: Mission Council

Monday September 27, 2021

7:00 PM

HYBRID MEETING

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(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 Melanie Myatt, Tessa Myatt; Peter Steffen, Suzanne Sawada, Caryl Weinberg (staff).

Open with Prayer: Caryl

For those that can, please come in person. We will meet with Rev. Michael Allen, [Together for Chicago](https://togetherchicago.com/) who will share his work. Its quite exciting. He would rather meet in person than by zoom!

Updates from Caryl

* [Barna: The Future of Missions book/pdf](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WCWfkzVN0Raw0CafDtYNFP7uAHYY6h8L?usp=sharing)
* Caryl’s Trip with TOF: October 1-8, then vacation October 13-Nov 3.
* Movie Series Update: (Cam)
  + First Movie: The Long Shadow on September 15 (virtually), class started on the 19th.
* Visitors:
  + October 10: Virtual visit and lunch with Tim Adams, General Secretary of IFES. 12:15 in room 213. (Dave Ivaska organizing/hosting.) Who can help?
  + October 16,17,18: Ukrainian Visitors: Joan Borg will do the driving and they’ll teach Sunday School. Who can help take them for a meal? Sunday after church or evening.
* Youth Mission Week Debrief -
* Next Mission Meeting on October 18. Needs to be hybrid with Ukrainian Visitors.

Financial Report/Decisions:

* Mission Finances and update on Financial Advisory Team: Susan

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: October 18 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.)