Agenda: Mission Council and Budget Team

Monday November 17, 2019

6:30 PM Parlor

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(Starred items on the Weebly site linked above)

Attendees: Richard Taiwo, Dave Ivaska, Younan Shiba, Dick Warnecke (Elder), Peter Steffen, Sharyn Wilson-Woods (Elder), Cam Traut, Susan Wilkins (co-chairs), Caryl Weinberg (staff).

6:30-7:30 Valentin Sinyi (President) and Sergey Jishkariani (VP External Affairs) Tavriski Christian Institute, Ukraine

7:30-7:40 Update Items (Caryl)

* Warming Center opened November 11.
* Website Update: The mission section is active
* Meeting with Medical Benevolence Foundation: A new day for Medical Mission –update
* Refugee Thanksgiving Dinner: November 16: Update
* Community Shopping Event for Bethlehem Scholarships at Ten Thousand Villages: December 12, 5:00-8:00
* Caryl – Trip (not mission funds) to Ghana end of Feb. 2020. (Anyone want to join?) \*\*\*\*\*

7:40-7:55 Budget Report

* Overview \*\*\*\* (Note current spreadsheets do not have corrections from last month yet.)
  + New Conference Call Date (Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM)
  + Recommend not to bring Jeff Banks from IVCF Harvard, on as partner at this time. Mixed discussion on if we give a one-time gift if he is not a partner. (both for and against – Decision postponed because of next item.
  + Because we don’t have correct figures, and know the pledge income status, budget team recommends no decisions on one time or yearend gifts now.
  + The team unanimously supports possible gift to Syrian Churches Emergency Appeal in northern Syria (at Turkish border). – Postponed until numbers corrected.
  + The team supports the concept of staff for IFES Palestine – though needs clarification as to role with sister church. And recommends following guidelines that we not give more than half of “full support” in the first year of partnership. Suggests waiting to consider this until pledge numbers known (for this year and next year.)
  + Budget team will hold an in person meeting in January to review goals/guidelines/partners.

7:55-8:30 Adult Ed: Winter possibilities:

* January: Two weeks for bylaws, one-week Jan. 26 for “Know, Grow, Serve” Fair. (Specific Ministries included only. Pastor Ray enlisting leaders.)
  + Amanda has asked that we plan a class with youth ministry on two weeks (during bylaws) – on theology of Missions. (Deeper than – the how you do it.) (Goal 3,4)
* February: Training sessions for volunteers (Goal 3)
  + Our homeless population (Warming Center, Overnight Shelter, Souper Saturday, Deacons, Good News Shelter possibly)
  + Emergency Operations Plan Training
  + Other trainings?
* March: Begin First Faculty? (Goal 1,2)

8:30: Assign names below

8:45: Christmas Party? And, planning meeting next year?

Current Priorities:

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

Goals:

1. 100 new members by 2022
2. 2/3 of members in small group by 2022
3. 100 members trained for leadership by 2022
4. 100 kids have regularly attended PYGS, 100 NUBS by 2022
5. A comprehensive Christian Ed. Program for biblical literacy and mature faith for children and youth is developed.
6. Year-round approach to stewardship and discipleship implemented by 2022. (From ‘scarcity to abundance’)