Agenda: Mission Council and Budget Team

Tuesday August 11, 2020

4PM Zoom Call

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(Starred items on the Weebly site linked above)

Communication with Session Form:

Attendees: Susan Wilkins (Co-Chair), Richard Taiwo, Dave Ivaska, Younan Shiba, Cam Traut (Co-Chair), Dick Warnecke (Elder), Peter Steffen, Sharyn Wilson-Woods (Elder), Barb Smith , Sonia Bodi, Ron Ehresman, Budget Team members: Bill Floyd, Renee Cox

 Caryl Weinberg (staff).

7:00: Open with Prayer/Devotion (Ron)

7:15-7:30 Updates from Caryl

* Volunteer Database
* Theme for Fall: “Filled up:Poured Out” based on Romans 12
* Devotional and Mission Videos
* Re-opening Team Report (Cam)

7:30- 7:45 Definition of Mission Leader (Sonia)

* Belief in the Great Commission to preach the Gospel. If one is not called to be a missionary or evangelist, one needs to be called to support missions prayerfully, and, if possible, financially.
* Respect and appreciate different cultural expressions of worshipping God and following Jesus.
* Desire to learn about and know people from different cultures and ethnicities—locally, nationally, and internationally.
* Understand that the purpose of the Church is to build up the Body of Christ and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.
* Have a heart and love for others who are not followers of Jesus.

7:45-7:55 Finalize Key Mission Goals for Session (Cam)

* + 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.

How/action steps:

* + to be purposeful in leading individuals to engage with our mission partners - initiate contact, begin relationships…..
	+ Fall adult ed is concentrating on using our gifts, telling our stories
	+ Connect with local college students (IVCF - NU)
	+ Small groups - how can we engage them?
	+ Goal 2: Collaborate with Our Family/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

7:55-8:05 Financial Update (Caryl) \*\*\*\*

 See attached

8:05-8:25 Requests for Funding (Caryl and Susan) \*\*\* (All proposals on the Weebly site)

Requests:

* + Dr, Robert House: New Life Ministries (Chicago) $2000 (Computers, freezer,A/C Units)
	+ Monique Misenga/FEBA: Covid Relief/Micro business grant: $100/woman
	+ Femi Adeleye: Institute for Christian Impact (ICI): Salary Support
	+ John Azumah: The Sanneh Institute (TSI): Internet Upgrade Needs
	+ Beirut Compassion Fund1300

“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/Congregation Engagement
* Mission Partner Care:
* Community Outreach (Evanston):
* Mission Trips:
* Refugees/First Friends
	+ 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.)
	+ Members in Small Groups