Mission Council and Budget Team Meeting Minutes

Monday June 16 , 2020 4-6PM Zoom

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

Excused: Rene Cox

* + **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.)

4:00: Opening Devotion/Christ at the Checkpoint Webinar review: Dave

 The webinar can be viewed on YouTube;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UT7jVdvT5rQ&t=222s>

 The theme was ***Hope and Resilience in Difficult Times***. Munther Isaac was the moderator with a panel of three speakers . The panelists in the webinar focused on the themes of Annexation, COVID-19 and Theology of the Land in these current times. In spite of the hardship they face the panelists still shared and expressed hope. The topic of land also brought to mind Jim McAuley last Sunday in class mentioning land in relation to the Apache tribes in Arizona. In closing Dave shared portions of Psalm 37.

4:10: Racism Conference: Sonia/Caryl

 Last year Sonia and Caryl attended a conference. This was a third follow up discussion: ***Continuing the Conversation***. Neither felt there was anything particularly enlightening . They had not been able to attend the second conference so felt possibly they had missed some of the points which might have made this one more relevant.

4:15: Updates: Caryl and Cam

1. Covid Task force is currently working on a reopening plan for the church in the fall.
2. There will be a notice in next week’s newsletter regarding a process to help people struggling financially (rent, bills, etc.) as a result of the pandemic. There is a fund and a team of volunteers who will review requests.
3. A new adult education class on racism is being developed. The book Beyond Color Blind has been purchased and will be available for members. More information to come.
4. Currently the Be Not Afraid class is continuing.
5. Souper Saturday is continuing to provide food on Saturdays. To give them a break Caryl asked for volunteers to hand out the meal on Saturday July 4th from 11:30-12:15. If you want to assist e-mail Caryl.
6. Ron sent out the current prayer requests from our partners. Prayer meeting is tomorrow Wednesday. Caryl will send out the Zoom link if you want to participate.

4:30-5:30: Mission Goals: Caryl and Cam

Document is on the Weebly Web site and was attached to e-mail with agenda for our meeting today.

This was taken from the chart we had worked on last in February. Caryl and Cam took the items listed in the chart and created action steps under each of the two major goals. Cam reviewed the document. Our task today is to create Mission Council Goals which reflect the actions and are measurable for each of the two Major Church Goals (as shown above). In addition, under each of the action steps we would like to list **Who** and **When**. A lively and spirited discussion ensued with many ideas and thoughts.

* FPCE Goal # 3: Mission Council Goal #1: discussion included
	+ Nurture, train, mentor lay leader so that 50 individuals will participate in mission related activities such as overnight shelter
	+ After attending training or class 50 new individuals will participate/volunteer in mission related activities such as overnight shelter, Souper Saturday, First Friends, or other community related activities.
* We must be sure to include in our goals a spiritual component and how we can share our faith.
* What about considerations of post Covid-19 and what will be the impact on what our goals will look like?
* What does a leader in Mission look like? What are the ideals and characteristics? Caryl will send us all a question to answer and then get a group together to discuss this. Some volunteered to be a part of this group.

To give more time for everybody think about all of these, it was decided to continue this discussion at our next meeting.

5:00-5:20 Finances: Caryl

* Current Mission Status: There has been some recent discussion and possible revision of the amount in the Mission carry forward fund since our last meeting. Last month statements stated there was $30,501.00 in the carry forward fund. This month stated there was $17,761.25 which was $12,739.75 less, the amount calculated to be overspent in 2019 budget. These numbers are still being reviewed. So far in 2020 we have given $23,000. After discussion it was decided that for now we will use the following:
	+ Mission Carry Forward: approximately $18,000.
	+ Other Benevolence: $24,800.81
	+ Keep $10,000 in reserve for future requests.
* New Requests: Proposals previously sent via e-mail and are currently on the Weebly Web site. After review and discussion of the proposals Dick moved and Ron seconded that we give the following:
	+ Mike Miller/Next Ministries $5,000.00
	+ Christmas Lutheran Church $3,000.00
	+ Langham Partnership $2,000.00

The motion was approved unanimously for Christmas Lutheran Church and Langham Partnership. The motion for Next Ministries was approved unanimously, with Barb Smith abstaining.

We will not schedule a meeting in July. Next meeting will be in August, date to be determined.

5:45 Sharyn closed the meeting with prayer.

“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.”