Minutes Mission Council and Budget Team

Monday September 21, 2020

7PM Zoom Call

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*“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.”*

**Attendees**: Dave Ivaska, Cam Traut (Co-Chair), Dick Warnecke (Elder), Peter Steffen, Sharyn Wilson-Woods (Elder), Barb Smith, Sonia Bodi, Ron Ehresman, Susan Wilkins (Co-Chair),Caryl Weinberg (staff).

**Excused**: Richard Taiwo, Younan Shiba, Budget team members: Bill Floyd, Renee Cox

Opened meeting with devotion led by Caryl. Luke 4: 24-27: Keep our eyes open to see where God is and what he is doing.

Prayer: Ron provided prayer requests from some of our mission partners. Barb informed us of her upcoming surgery. We prayed as a group.

**Updates** *Caryl*

* Theme for Fall: “Filled up: Poured Out” based on Romans 12
  + Devotionals and Mission Videos:
  + Veronica Muchiri (Kenya), Amy McAuley (AZ – Apache Res.), Prof. Y. (China), Doug Bradshaw (Chicago), Hussam Foukary (Jordan/MENA)
* Update on volunteer database: currently working on filling in the names of the different ministries and their volunteers.
* Next Wednesday at 7PM the prayer group will be focusing on our refugee families.
* Re-opening Team Report *(Cam)*
  + The team presented to session guidelines and protocols for reopening. There was a survey of members also regarding plans on attending services when they were offered. There was a request for volunteers to assist as ushers. More details will come from session.

**Finances** *(Susan)*

We have received some of the financial statements for January-August. We have not yet received the transaction details for this time period. All of the requests which were authorized by the Missions council have been disbursed. There are some questions regarding how much is left in the other benevolence fund which is not restricted by the donors. The transfer from the GCF to cover some of the hotel costs given to Connections has not yet appeared on the statements. Caryl and Susan plan to set up a meeting with Melody to get clarifications and more details.

**Action Steps for Goals**: *(Cam)*

* + **Mission 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.

After discussion the following action steps were added to the Session form:

**Action Steps:**

1. Missions Council will take Intracultural Development Survey. Caryl will coordinate with Doug Wilson.
2. Invite Doug Wilson to council meeting to discuss results & possible curriculum for mission council to host for congregation
3. Explore incorporating elements of the Perspectives Missions Course into mission curriculum development for a class offering to congregation. Dick, Sonia and Sharon will meet to work on a plan for the class.
4. Develop promotion for the Perspectives Mission course to offer to congregation Susan will work on a plan once the class details and timeline are determined.
5. Offer and coordinate registration for Perspectives class in early 2021
   * **Mission 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

Another FPCE goal (see below) for which we have not yet developed a Mission team goal is related to small groups. Dave Ivaksa volunteered to think about and develop possible Mission goals for this.

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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.)

Our next meeting will be Monday October 19 at 7PM via Zoom.

We closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Wilkins