Minutes Mission Council and Budget Team

Tuesday August 11, 2020

7PM Zoom Call

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(Starred items on the Weebly site)

“*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: Richard Taiwo, Dave Ivaska, Younan Shiba, Cam Traut (Co-Chair), Susan Wilkins (Co-Chair), Dick Warnecke (Elder), Peter Steffen, Barb Smith (Elder) , Sonia Bodi, Ron Ehresman, Caryl Weinberg (staff)

Excused: Sharyn Wilson-Woods (Elder), Budget Team: Bill Floyd, Renee Cox

Opened with Prayer and a Devotion (Ron) -Motivations for Giving - 2 Corinthians 9: 1-15

**Updates**

* Caryl reviewed the plan for a new church wide Volunteer Database: Kelly will begin to gather some information about current mission volunteers and what they do.
* Caryl reviewed the church wide Theme for Fall: “Filled up: Poured Out” based on Romans 12. She shared a document with the weekly plan and schedule. The Friday format will be a video of one of our mission partners. Caryl has already reached out to some and the following are ideas of who may participate: Amy McCauly, Doug Bradshaw, Molly Dunn, Veronika. More details will be provided at a later date.
* Cam provided an update on the church re-opening team’s work. They are currently focusing on plans for worship.

**Definition of Mission Leader**:

Sonia led the discussion. We had all been asked to submit ideas for a definition of a Mission leader. The consensus definition:

* Belief in the Great Commission to preach the Gospel. If one is not called to be a career missionary or a gifted evangelist, each one of us can consider how we can support missions prayerfully, when possible financially and where God has placed us.
* Respect and encourage 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 equipping others to use their gifts and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.
* Have a heart and love for others including the poor and the vulnerable who are not followers of Jesus.

**Finalize Key Mission Goals for Session**

Cam presented the following two goals which a subcommittee developed from the ideas and discussion at our June meeting.

* + 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.
  + 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

After discussion the goals were adopted as written. Action steps for the goals will be discussed at our September meeting.

**Financial Update** \*\*\*\*

Caryl had prepared and sent a document which was a summary of what funds had been allocated by the Missions Council January-July 2020 from Mission Carry Forward, Other Benevolence and Undesignated funds. Ron sent a spread sheet with the same expenditures and included the budgeted funds spent January-July 2020. The Council members reviewed and questions were answered. Caryl included in her review some line items in the 2020 Missions budget which may not be used as planned due to the travel restrictions in 2020.

**Funding Requests**

Caryl presented the following five financial support requests received \*\*\* (All proposals are on the Weebly site and were sent to council members prior to the meeting).

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 Fund 1300

Susan led a review and discussion of each of these requests. After discussion Dick moved that the following funds be allocated:

* + Monique Misenga/FEBA: Covid Relief/Micro business grant: $2000
  + Femi Adeleye: Institute for Christian Impact (ICI): $1500
  + John Azumah: The Sanneh Institute (TSI): Internet Upgrade Needs : $1000
  + Beirut Compassion Fund 1300 : $3000

The motion was seconded by Peter. The motion was unanimously approved.

Next meeting: Monday September 21 at 7PM Zoom call

Meeting was concluded with Prayer at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Wilkins