Minutes Mission Council and Budget Team

Monday March 15, 2020

7PM Zoom Call  [www.fpcemission.weebly.com](http://www.fpcemission.weebly.com/)

[Communication with Session Form](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gv7ikwHpGbYHnS1Cy7M2XRQu3PiQmQ3kUKbFLFZpDLg/edit?usp=sharing)

*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, Dick Warnecke (Elder), Peter Steffen, Barb Smith, Sonia Bodi, Ron

Ehresman, Melanie Myatt, Younan Shiba, Cam Traut (Co-Chair), Susan Wilkins

(Co-Chair) Caryl Weinberg (staff)

**Excused:** Renee Cox , Richard Taiwo, Tessa Myatt

# Open with Prayer/Devotion : Ron Ehresman

Luke 10:2 Pray for Laborers –Ron attempted to show how God had lead him through the years to pray for unreached people groups through praying for other workers

# Updates from Caryl

* Devotion and Minutes Sign-Up for 2021: Follow this [link to sign up!](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAFAE2BA2FF2-devotion)  Signups still needed
* IFES Palestine: Nader is stepping down and Jamil will seek to fill his position. He thanks our church and those who have supported and encouraged him through the years.
* Sunday School Class: High 56, Low 45. Good sharing in small groups last week. Last class next week. Sonia, Dick, & Caryl meeting this week to discuss how to proceed.
* United Mission to India-Christudas has sent a request for funds for ongoing building projects. We will ask Ken Johnson to join us to discuss before making any decisions.
* Movie screening- Caryl will look up and send out links again. Will meet with Pastor Ray on Wed
* Scott Klamm and Eleanor continue to work on closing 2020 so as to have final results on spending.
* Next Council Meeting—four weeks from now on April 12
* Holy Week Services-Anyone willing to be an usher for these services contact Caryl
* Youth Mission Week July 25-30 (Caryl/Cam/Susan) Youth council still discussing possible themes for the event. Four mission partners have agreed to be of help!

# Finances /Budget Updates (Susan)

* 2020 Budget: The pre -audit numbers for 2020 are as follows:
  + Mission Budget $195,600.
  + Spent $191,027 (including the Covid one-time distributions)
  + Carry Forward balance $18,984. ▪ Unspent budget $5,473

Estimated 2021 carryforward $24,467

* 2021 Budget (see Weebly site for document) o Budget from Trustees/Session $194,060.
* Refugee balance $8,481
* Other Benevolences balance $10,073 (We don’t know if any of this is designated)
* Prison Ministry balance $11,288
* Perspectives’ balance (available for scholarships) $3,600

**Great Commission Fund**

Caryl reported on the last GCF meeting. (Mission gives oversight vs. approval. Session and Trustees give approval.)

* Carry forward from 2020: $27,738.
* 4.5% avg. distributed for 2021: $26,148.
* One donor pledges to give $1,114
  + Giving a total for distribution of $55,000 in 2021
* Recommended Distributions:
  + Tavriski Christian Institute: $15,000 (year 3 of a 3-year commitment for church planting in Afghanistan)
  + The New Life Shelter of Good News Partners shelter renovation project: $10,500 (There was some discussion as to whether New Life is a ministry that fits the GCF bylaws. The majority of the group agreed with one objection.)
  + The Pastoral Outreach Council of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Egypt: $20,000 for new mission outreach in Iraq, Turkey and South Sudan.
* Build Congo Schools was tabled until the next meeting. $9,500 remains for distribution in 2021.

# Report from Leadership Group Dave

The group had a brainstorming session and there were many topics generated.

Dave forwarded to all Council Members the document the group created with all the ideas.

There were 2 main sections:

1. Building leadership in Mission
2. Building Capacity for Mission at FPCE

Dave asked the Council Members to choose one from each group that they think is important and send this back to Dave. What are good things to prioritize to work on now and what should then be worked on later. The group will get back together to develop some specific ideas for some of the categories.

Caryl/Sonia/Dick will incorporate some of the discussion questions/suggestions into the last “God’s Story: Perspectives” class. We are strategizing to engage people from the class more in mission. We also discussed the need to reach younger members of the congregation. (One possible avenue is through the movie/social justice series below.)

# Update the Communication with session form 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. (It was noted that small groups could not happen as planned during the Sunday morning Missions class, though there had been some good large group discussion.)

Note activity with Youth Mission Collaboration

* 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 (We continue to work with the Our Families/Our Children Council around their summer mission trip. Together, we will work closely with 4 of our mission partners.)

# Social Justice films Caryl

Each one of the council members volunteered to screen one of the films shown below and then share our thoughts on showing these to the congregation. We will join with some other folks in the congregation to shape this series, possibly using some or all of these movies...

• Against All Odds

* White Noise
* Hate Among Us
* Represent Justice
* Emmanuel (Charleston church shootings)
* Homestretch (following homeless youth in Chicago)
* Paper Children (refugees)
* Hope in the Holy Land

NEXT MEETING DATE:

* Next Council Meeting April 12, 2021

Ron closed our meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Ron Ehresman