Mission Council/Budget Team Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2020

4:00-5:30 PM Zoom Call

[FPCE mission.weebly.com](https://fpcemission.weebly.com/)

Attendees: Younan Shiba, Dave Ivaska, Dick Warnecke (elder), Renee Cox, Ron Ehresman, Richard Taiwo, Sharon Wilson-Woods (elder), Kelly Levander, Cam Traut (co-chair), Sonia Bodi, Bill Floyd, Barb Smith (Elder) , Caryl Weinberg (staff), Susan Wilkins (co-chair)

Excused: Peter Steffen

Caryl opened the meeting with prayer.

Caryl reported that FPCE Session is meeting tonight. The budget committee will be giving a report. It is anticipated that there will be additional information and guidance after tonight’s meeting regarding the FPCE 2020 budget plans.

**Funding Guidelines**: Review current funding guidelines (see on weebly site) <https://fpcemission.weebly.com/february-2020.html>

The discussion and review of FPCE Missions Council Funding Guidelines continued from the last meeting. The primary discussion was focused on the final 2 categories:

1. Guiding Principles for Supporting FPCE’s Expenses
2. Determining and Notifying Mission Partners No Longer Supported.

See final draft of Funding Guidelines document on Weebly site shown above.

**Geographical Areas of Focus for Support** (new initial funding guideline)

Since this is a new guideline ,which states Missions Council will annually consider geographical areas of focus, there was discussion on what that focus is for 2020. The Middle East, North Africa and Evanston (or local) appear to be areas of focus so far. Historically we have also focused on the 10/40 window. The question was asked “Where in the world is there a lack of funding?”. The Outreach Foundation supports Iraq and Syrian churches. Should we be looking at this area of the world? This will be a topic of discussion for a future meeting.

Caryl will put together a spreadsheet of our current Mission Partners which will categorize which of our current funding priorities they fall into and also what geographical area they are currently serving. This will give us a clearer picture for further discussions.

**Priorities during Covid-19**

* We have $35-40,000 in reserve funds
* Mission Partners in need and how do we support? Many are struggling currently, our Palestine partners, Salaam Medical Center, to name a couple we are aware of.
* Support for FPCE individuals in congregation? All agree on the principle of setting aside funds from reserve. We need to know what the budget team and session are thinking and want to do before we make any decisions.
* Consider new partners at this time? We have a request from NEXT ministries.

**Next meeting Tuesday May 12** at 4PM via Zoom to discuss the following topics:

* Invite Mike Miller (NEXT Ministries) to share at the beginning of the meeting (4-4:30)
* Consider how we might support all of our mission partners and if and how we want to prioritize partner needs?
* Consider amount we want to set aside for members/church for COVID-19 crisis support.
* Consider what actions we want to take for new requests for support.

Meeting was closed with prayer at 5:20.