Mission Council Meeting Minutes

Monday September 23, 2019

6:30 PM Parlor

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Attendees: Richard Taiwo, Dave Ivaska, Dick Warnecke (Elder), Cam Traut, Susan Wilkins (co-chairs) Caryl Weinberg ( staff),

Excused: Peter Steffen ( trustee), Sharon Wilson-Woods (elder), Younan Shiba

(Mission Budget Team members who were present on the conference call, September 18, 2019: Renee Cox, Bill Floyd, Ron Ehresman, Richard Taiwo, Caryl Weinberg, Susan Wilkins)

6:30-7:00 Dinner

7:00-7:15 Prayer – Ron distributed prayer requests from our mission partners . We prayed as a group for these and others that mission council members requested.

7:15-7:35 Update Items (Caryl)

* Fall Sunday School Class: Messengers of Hope: Schedule of speakers and topics document is on Web site listed above.
* Good News Dinner: Honoring Dick and Barbara Warnecke: Caryl attending
* Caryl’s trip to Turkey for the IFES/MENA grad/alumni meeting (Sept 30-October 10)
* Langham Invitation October 6,7.8: schedule of events and an invitation on web site. Please reply if you will be attending the reception on Monday evening.
* Community Shopping Event: Bright Stars Scholarships Dec. 12. 15% of purchases between 5-8 PM
* Overnight Shelter Dates: December 29, 2019-January 19, 2020. Charlene Parris, Craig Baxa and Patty Carrington will be co ordinating. Trustees approved the request to not require a church member to also stay overnight each night we are hosting the shelter.
* September 28 and 29
  + 9/28 6P: Dinner; 6:45 Program: Testimonies from Bethlehem
    - People volunteered to assist with set up and clean up
  + Drivers were coordinated for pick up from North Park to Evanston and also to the airport on Sunday after church.

7:35-7:45 Budget Team Updates (Ron and Susan) **(All Items\*\*\*\* in our September folder in the budget folder or the “Christudas folder”)**

(Note each item had a unanimous decision of the budget team)

1. Honorariums in general for adult ed going forward in 2019:  Suggested:  Local speakers $150, International $200: Reviewed and Discussed and Approved by unanimous vote of the council.
2. Special honorarium for Munther Isaac for: Saturday night, Sunday School, preaching two services: He’ll receive $400 from Pastor for preaching two services. Mission will add an additional $600 for a total honorarium of $1,000.; Reviewed and Discussed and Approved by unanimous vote of the council.
3. Bethlehem Bible College:  Completed application to become a mission partner on the web site. We agree they would be a strong partner which adds another evangelical/theological dimension to our focus on Palestine. We previously approved they will be a supported partner in 2020, but we do not yet know the amount until we have final 2020 budget numbers. The Mission budget team approved a gift of $2,500 to present the weekend of September 28. Reviewed and Discussed and Approved by unanimous vote of the council.
4. Rebecca Laudarji - - CRU asking for support for campus work in Portland: We agreed to NOT give any funds. Our focus is primarily InterVarsity CF. Other new campus engagement that we have considered has been indigenous international ministry. Reviewed and agreed with budget team recommendation.
5. Christudas – Requesting funds for building in a high-risk mission area.  Total project cost:  $25,000. There is a possibility for a matching grant right now. We suggest a gift of $3,000 now with the possibility of another gift at the end of the year, depending on pledge income and the status of our budget. Documents of the project and the site are on the web site. Reviewed and Discussed and Approved by unanimous vote of the council.
6. Good News Partners Dinner on Sept 26 honoring Dick/Barbara Warnecke:  Mission will buy half a table- $750.   (Take from Undesignated). Discussed and Approved by unanimous vote of the council.

NOTE that after these funds are taken from Mission Carry Forward, we will have a remaining balance of $12,670. And if we stay exactly to budget, and pledges comes in as pledged, we would have a projected reserve of $12,045.

7:50-8:50 Caryl distributed the Impact Survey, the Budget Document submitted for Mission Council for 2020 and Mission Council Budget Cover Letter submitted along with the budget. These documents are also available on the Web site. All councils and groups within the church have been asked to address the following 2 sets of questions.

**From the Stewardship Committee**:

* + “***Tell a Story***”
    - Where have we been?
    - Where are we?
    - Where are we going?

**From Session these Questions related to groups**:

  1. Are they aligned with the Church Mission Statement?

  2. Are they established and ongoing?

  3. How do they impact Church resources (staff and volunteer time and the Church budget and facilities?

  4. Are they aligned with the Strategic Plan goals?

  5. Are they aligned within Church council?

The council first reviewed the documents Caryl provided. These were made available on the web site for review prior to meeting also. Clarifying questions were asked and discussed as to the meaning, in particular, the session questions. Many members felt that some of these had been covered in the cover document sent with the budget documents. The cover letter was reviewed again and suggestions were made about items to use from the letter to answer these questions. Ideas were provided to the Elders regarding questions to be clarified and the ideas and steps the Mission Council is taking to answer these questions and align with the strategic plan goals. We discussed several ideas for “stories” to tell for the stewardship questions. Dave Ivaska was asked to put together these ideas into a story to share.

The meeting was closed in prayer at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted. Susan Wilkins