

MISSIONS Agenda – November 18, 2020
7:00 PM - Zoom Mtg

Attending- Pastor Elizabeth Frey, Mary Ellen Hettinger, Karen Wright, Joyce Roy, Shirley Pierson, Janis Martinez, Janet Kissinger, Carol Crowe, Mary Haar, and Patty Wilson.

Pastor Liz Frey opened the meeting at 7:00 with a prayer.

Joyce Roy moved to approve the minutes of the September 16 meeting. Karen Wright seconded, and the motion carried. Karen Wright moved to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2020. Shirley Pierson seconded, and the motion carried.

Facilitator Report – Mary Ellen Hettinger thanked everyone for the continued support during this difficult time with the COVID 19 pandemic. She reviewed the updated guidelines the church compiled this week.

Missionary/Mission Partner report – The Dietrichs sent an updated newsletter. Mary Ellen Hettinger would like to set up a meeting with the Dietrichs on a Sunday afternoon via Zoom.

YAGM – If any member of the Team knows any young people to sponsor, please contact Mary Ellen Hettinger. We will attempt to begin funding a YAGM in August.

Missions Publicity – Joyce Roy will update the newsletter on the website for the team. She has volunteered to do more for the team. There is a concern about parishioners who don't get the communications via the website and how we can reach out to them.

Missions Guatemala/Tree 4 Hope -Janis Martinez – There was a fifth food distribution yesterday in Guatemala. There is a downward trend for COVID in Guatemala. If things continue to be OK, virtual learning will take place. They are taking donations of used tablets. The teachers and staff are still working through the curriculum that is being developed. Janis Martinez provided a link to Hogar Miguel Magone on You Tube.

Currently they are dealing with the aftermath from Hurricane Eta and Hurricane Iota. Eta took out an entire harvest. Iota wasn't as severe, but that is creating further concerns since the grounds are so saturated from Eta.

Pastor Liz reported thirty to thirty one bottles of vitamins were collected to be sent. Fifty four care bags were created, too.

Mission Projects-Ongoing

Sewing Ministry- Carol Crowe mentioned Pastor Jennifer in Guatemala has requested 2 masks each for 30 children, ages 5 to 12, and 15 teachers. Carol Crowe and Mary Ellen Hettinger have fabrics. Joyce Roy will meet with Pastor Liz to get the information to the congregation. Pastor Liz will talk with P&C to see how publicity should be sent out. They also requested 30 bags be made for students' desks to hold their supplies. Details are still being discussed about the bags.

Missions Finance- Update/Plans- For the budget we are doing very well. For our designated fund line 460, we currently have \$5,484.

New business -

The ELCA Chaplaincy Fund – Fund for Leaders. Trinity received a request for people who want to go into Military Chaplaincy. One suggestion was to send letters to the military families to encourage to give to the Fund for Leaders. Mary Ellen Hettinger suggested the Team send a financial contribution. Shirley Pierson moved \$2,000 taken from line 460 designated fund to be sent to the Fund for Leaders, and Karen Wright seconded. Karen Wright suggested having a Chaplain come and discuss the demands of the job at some point in 2021. This would be an idea for a fundraiser for next year.

Giving Tree – Rocky Boy & United Lutheran Seminary have both been part of the Giving Tree in the past.

Shirley Pierson moved \$450 should be sent to Rocky Boy as a holiday gift and used as needed or from line 460 designated funds. Karen Wright seconded.

Good Gifts – Mary Ellen Hettinger mentioned we have promoted this in the past. A discussion was held about how to get a reminder out about this. Karen Wright suggested having a note in the streaming prior to the beginning of the service. Mary Ellen suggested adding something to the Facebook page about Good Gifts.

Maine Mission Trip-New leadership needed- Daryl Ackerman and Dan Reed are stepping down, and they are willing to mentor new leaders. Daryl reached out to others who have gone in the past, but no one has responded. They have requested additional names for people to ask for assistance. A discussion followed, specifically addressing the concern for travel in 2021 and where things will stand with restrictions for COVID.

Plans for 2021- Immediately we would like to develop a time to meet with the Dietrichs.

Early work on the Chaplaincy program and the possibility of having someone come to discuss this, and add this to Wednesday Connect in the spring. Shirley Pierson recommended Mary Ellen Hettinger to speak with Kelly Falck.

Patty Wilson moved to adjourn at 8:40 PM with the Lord's Prayer
The next meeting will be held on January 20th, 2021.

Mary E. Haar

Team Secretary