

MISSIONS Agenda – 3/17/21
7:00 PM - Zoom Mtg

Attending- Pastor Elizabeth Frey, Mary Ellen Hettinger, Karen Wright, Joyce Roy, Janet Kissinger, Carol Crowe, & Mary Haar. Janis Martinez was excused for this evening.

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

Joyce Roy moved to approve the minutes of the January 20 meeting. Karen Wright seconded, and the motion carried.

Facilitator Report – Mary Ellen Hettinger –

Mary Ellen Hettinger noted it looks like a light at the end of the tunnel, and things are getting better. She requested prayers for the people around the world that are in dire straits. Our team needs more members, current members are encouraged to recruit for better involvement.

Missions Guatemala/Tree 4 Hope -Janis Matinez was excused for the evening. The newsletter from Tree4Hope was sent to the Mission Team members via email. Joyce Roy will do further research to see how we can add this to our webpage/Facebook page.

Lenten Giving Program-progress – Ten percent of the Lenten Envelopes was designated for Tree4Hope. Pastor Liz Frey noted \$1,100, which is 10% for the total for Lenten Giving/Lenten Offering, is the current total. A discussion followed.

Sewing Ministry- Carol Crowe sent her report via email to the team:

March 10, 2021

We have 8 quilts carried over from 2020 in closet in room 237. Four quilts were completed in January or February. There are 4 quilts out being tied and another 4 at my house waiting to be tied. I also have 5 tops to be sandwiched and sewn, turned and top stitched. There are 5 tops being sewn by 3 of the ladies. Deb Wehr (non-member of Trinity) and I have not been able to meet to layout top kits for several weeks due to Covid quarantining by Deb from family exposures. We hope to meet on the 16th.

I hope we can have all the above steps completed by end of May, which will make 30 quilts and half of the year to go.

Missions Finance- Benevolence funds-plans: The current balance for the designated fund for Missions Team is \$6,050. A discussion followed about the allocation of some of this fund. A detailed spreadsheet will be sent from the Facilitator to the members of this team via email about how much the 2021 benevolence budget was decreased from the 2020 benevolence budget per line item.

Mary Ellen Hettinger requested the Team to think about where money can be sent for places who are in need.

New business:

Missionary/Mission Partner report -Mary Ellen Hettinger reported the Dietrichs liked the idea of meeting via Zoom. We would like to have the Dietrichs provide us an overview of their ministry. Anytime between Easter and May would be a terrific time for us to meet with them. Pastor Liz will need to look to see how many people can participate in a Zoom meeting. A discussion was held about possibly opening this meeting up to the congregation.

YAGM update: This program has been put on hold again for 2021. They are hoping the program can begin again in 2022.

ELCA Chaplaincy Program- Pastor Liz Frey mentioned the staff has requested we postpone this appeal for the time being. A discussion followed, and it was mentioned June would be a good month to do an appeal. It was decided a Mission Moment should be done on June 13, and postpone a speaker presentation until 2022.

Maine Mission Trip/future service plans: There will be no trip this year. A discussion followed about the future of this service project.

Plans Rest of 2021

-Giving Tree will be done in July. We would like to persuade people to give gift cards and monetary items, since shipping costs have become very expensive.

-World Hunger/Bread Sale will take place the first weekend in August. We need to see where things stand for this, though. If we do this, we should make one or two types of breads. Mary Ellen Hettinger will reserve the kitchen for Saturday, July 31. Sunday, August 1 will be the bread sale.

-Giving Tree will be done in early November. We would like to persuade people to give Gift cards and monetary items, since shipping costs have become very expensive.

-ELCA Good Gifts will take place in early November.

Other business/Comments for the Good of the Order

Karen Wright expressed a concern about the Missionary map that was located in the narthex. Pastor Liz mentioned it was taken down during the construction, and it was stored in a safe place.

Next meeting Wednesday, May 19th 7 pm via Zoom

Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer was at 8:09 PM.

Submitted respectfully,
Mary E. Haar, Team Secretary

