

## MISSIONS Minutes – November 2021

Mary Ellen Hettinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Pastor Liz Frey, Karen Wright, Carol Crowe, Patty Wilson, Mary Haar, and Joyce Roy attended the meeting. Janis Martinez was excused for the evening.

A couple of changes need to be made to the September minutes. Agenda in the title needs to be changed to “minutes”. ELCA Afghan Humanitarian Effort needs to be changed to ELCA Afghan Humanitarian Crisis. Carole Crowe moved to approve the September minutes. Karen Wright seconded, and the motion carried.

**Missions Guatemala/Tree 4 Hope** -Janis Matinez was excused for the evening, but she did submit an update about Tree4Hope to Mary Ellen Hettinger. The 2022 school year has 22 new students who want to enroll. Sponsors are being actively sought for them to be able to add this many students to the HA community. They are currently looking to add the orphanage girls back into the school, which would be 12. Sponsors can be groups of friends, individual families, or we have some churches who sponsor 1-5 girls or a class. It's \$100 a month per student.

They are looking to purchase a bus to safely transport the kids as they are awaiting vaccines being donated and available. They hope this takes place by the third marking period (mid-summer) at the latest. The estimated cost of the bus is \$15,000. It is a short diesel bus that will be able to transport 35 kids.

Messiah University designed a solar system for the girls' orphanage that will cover all of their electricity except their hot water heater which is rarely used. The team of students is arriving in late May to install the system. Tree4Hope needs to raise \$14,500 to cover the materials.

There is a fundraiser event scheduled for Friday, December 3 at Stocks Manor in Mechanicsburg from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Aldus Brewing Co. made Beer 4 Hope and will be releasing it there. Jennifer and David will be attending.

**YAGM update:** Applications are currently being accepted for the Fall 2022 program. The dates for submission are from November 1 to February 1. Mary Ellen Hettinger will send the information to Will Shields and Moses Kavishe.

**Mission Partner:** Mary Ellen Hettinger reported a new Missions Partner will need to be chosen in 2022.

**Giving Tree:** Mary Ellen Hettinger reported 36 ornaments were added to the tree. Half of them are gone, and Mary Ellen Hettinger will make more. The donations will be sent to the United Seminary students at Gettysburg; Tree 4 Hope; and Rocky Boy. Gift cards are requested from Amazon, Dollar Tree not Dollar General, Sheetz, Giants, and Walmart. A discussion followed. The gift cards should be mailed by the end of the year. Guy and Karen Edmiston will deliver the gift cards to the United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg.

**Missions Publicity** – Mary Ellen Hettinger thanked Joyce Roy for all of the publicity that she has taken care of over the last couple of months.

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

24 quilts went to Lutheran World Relief in October.

Also in October 2 quilts went to Camp Nawakwa for their Quilt and Craft Auction held Nov. 7th.

Sylvia Stotler requested 2 quilts for a local family in need and I gave them to her to deliver.

In November, I delivered 8 quilts to Bethesda Mission's Women's Shelter and 9 quilts to Bethany Christian Services for refugee support.

I have 1 quilt to go to Quilts of Valor through a contact at a quilt guild to which I belong.

We have 5 quilts waiting to be tied, 10 kits to be sewn into tops, 5 quilts being sewn into sandwiches or top stitched.

We have 2 more Tuesdays this month to meet if the ladies want to, then we take December off. We will start again in early January.

**Missions Finance-** Per the budget subcommittee of the Finance Committee, the budget request for 2022 should be OK.

Carole Crowe moved for \$517 to be taken from the Global Mission line and be sent to Tree 4 Hope for the bus. Mary Haar seconded, and the motion carried.

Carole Crowe moved for \$500 be taken from line 67410 to be sent for Maine Coastal Mission. Mary Haar seconded, and the motion carried.

This is the last year for Trinity's sponsorship for Bread for the World.

**World Hunger/Bread Sale** – Pastor Liz Frey mentioned new envelopes will need to be ordered for World Hunger. This expense will be taken from the Education and General Expense line.

#### **New Business:**

**Plans for 2022:** Mary Ellen Hettinger, Mitzi Jones, Community Outreach Facilitator, and Pastor Liz Frey will meet to discuss the idea of holding a "Volunteer Fair" March 6 or March 13. A coordinator is being sought.

We would like to have a YAGM candidate come to Trinity to provide information to the congregation about the program and their experiences. This would be done in July.

We would like to highlight the ELCA Chaplaincy Program on a Sunday in May. This would be a good month, since Armed Forces Day is May 21.

#### **Other business/Comments for the Good of the Order**

2022 Meetings will be held January 19, March 16, May 18, July 20, September 21, and November 16. A possible meeting might be needed on October 19 to specifically discuss the 2023 budget.

If a budget meeting needs to be held on December 15, this will be done via Zoom. The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 7 pm at church.

Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer was at 8:30 PM.

Submitted respectfully,

Mary E. Haar, Team Secretary