

## MISSIONS Minutes – March 16 2022

Mary Ellen Hettinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Pastor Liz Frey provided the opening prayer. Carol Crowe, Mary Haar, Patty Wilson, Janet Kissinger, and Janis Martinez attended the meeting. Joyce Roy was excused.

Janet Kissinger moved to approve the second amended minutes of the February 2, 2022 meeting. Carol Crowe seconded, and the motion carried.

**Missions Guatemala/Tree 4 Hope** -Janis Matinez provided an update. The final tally for the Giving Tree and additional gift cards donated specifically for Tree4Hope was \$438. This was spent on books.

Carol Crowe moved for \$480 to be designated from the Missions Team Fund to sponsor food for two girls who are starting at the academy. Janet Kissinger seconded, and the motion carried.

Mary Ellen Hettinger reported David and Jennifer Hope-Tringali will be coming to Central PA in April and May. For them to attend the May Missions Team meeting and provide an update, we moved the Missions Team meeting to Wednesday, May 11.

Mary Ellen Hettinger reported a representative from Chica Bean will be here on Sunday, May 15 to discuss the connection they have to Hope Academy. For every bag of coffee bought, \$4.00 is sent to Hope Academy. There will be a video shown at the Saturday evening service.

Janis Martinez reported Jennifer Hope-Tringali wrote and mentioned Ipads and chargers are still needed. There are two weeks open for service teams to come down. As of Monday, all the girls have been vaccinated.

It was noted at the end of the meeting Trinity will be returning to Guatemala in 2023 to teach bible school and help with other tasks that need to be done.

**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. She has been doing a terrific job.

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

Swing Ministry updated report:

We met for full day on the 15th. Over the 6 hours we had six ladies come to work or drop off stuff or pick up stuff to work on at home.

We have 11 finished quilts in the closet. We have seven waiting to be tied. We have 5 kits to be sewn.

Kathy k has three sandwiches to sew and a top to finish at home.

Betsy U has 2 quilts to tie.

I have 1 kit and one sandwich at home to finish.

This ministry is looking for new volunteers.

Carol Crowe mentioned no update has been included on the Lutheran World Relief website for the 2020 quilt disbursement.

**Mission Partner:** Mary Ellen Hettinger sent the sponsorship form for The Reverend Dr. Jeffery Truscott, who was chosen to be our new Mission Partner for 2022. Mary Ellen Hettinger also sent him a direct email to introduce herself and Trinity.

**YAGM update:** Pastor Liz Frey provided an update for this program. Discernment, interviews, and placement will occur in April. April is the month when the candidates find out where they will be sent. Pastor Frey suggested we have a meet and greet with our representative in July.

**Lenten giving:** Via an email vote, it was decided the Lenten Giving for the Missions Team would be allocated to the YAGM program for 2022. Mitzi Jones and the Social Ministry Team decided Christian Churches United would be the designation for their portion of the giving. The first week of April a Mission Moment will be done at all services to provide further information to the parishioners about both organizations the funds will be allocated.

**Armed Forces Day:** The Missions Team will be highlighting the Chaplaincy program with the ELCA the weekend of May 22. This program is seeking new recruits due to the increase in demand in recent years. Mary Ellen Hettinger informed this team a person will need to introduce this to the congregation.

#### **New Business:**

**Community Outreach/Missions Luncheon:** Pastor Liz Frey and Mary Ellen Hettinger mentioned both the Missions Team and the Community Outreach Team will be hosting a luncheon in June. Bishop Dunlop will be speaking about benevolence and providing a presentation.

**September Fair:** Pastor Liz Frey spoke with Moses Kavishe, Director of Faith Formation, about what he is planning for September. The Organizational Fair will be part of this plan. Pastor Liz has requested a member of the Missions Team and a member of the Community Outreach Team to be included in the planning.

**Bread weekend:** This is scheduled for July 30-July 31. After a discussion, the team decided to bake bread at home and bring the donations to the church Saturday, July 30.

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 7 pm at church. Pastor Jennifer Hope-Tringali and David Hope-Tringali will be attending the meeting.

Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer was at 7:55 PM.

Submitted respectfully,  
Mary E. Haar, Team Secretary