

MISSIONS – March 15, 2023
7:00 PM

Opening Devotion by Mary Ellen Hettinger, facilitator, at 7:00 PM. Others present were Mary Haar, Joyce Roy, Janis Martinez, Janet Kissinger, Debbie Bilous, and Karen Wright. Carol Crowe was excused for the evening.

Review /Approve Minutes – Jan 2023 – Joyce Roy moved to approve the January 2023 minutes as submitted. Janet Kissinger seconded, and the motion carried.

Missions Finances

Budget update – Mary Ellen Hettinger, facilitator, reviewed the monthly budget report. We are doing well. The \$6,000 that has been allocated for the Mission trip to Guatemala this summer will be used.

Undesignated Benevolence funds – Designated fund for Missions Team will be reviewed at the meetings. Additional allocations will be decided at each meeting after examining what organizations are requesting funding.

Mary Ellen Hettinger, facilitator, would like to continue publicizing the designations that we have made to our mission partners to congregation to keep them informed.

ELCA Global Mission Partners

YAGM Program-Quentin Bernhard – The team hopes Mr. Bernhard will come and visit with us in late summer. We will be choosing a new YAGM partner in the next few weeks, and we would like to choose someone who is close to this region. Pastor Frey provided names to Mary Ellen Hettinger.

Missions Partner-Deacon April Trout in Tanzania. Debbie Bilous will be a terrific asset for communication with her.

Missions Partner Guatemala/Tree 4 Hope -Janis Martinez

April 28 Fundraiser- The money received for the fundraiser will specifically be designated for the construction of the second floor of the academy. The event will be held here at Trinity in Fellowship Hall. Janet Kissinger moved for \$500 to be taken from the Mission Team Designated Fund for the fundraiser. Karen Wright seconded, and the motion carried. Janis Martinez will have a table set up to show what the Missions Team does to support Tree4Hope.

The team voted unanimously for \$250 dollars to be taken from the Expenses of the Missions Budget for the event. The team is requesting Tree4Hope to provide an invoice and receipt to David Holste, Director of Finance, for budgetary purposes.

Summer Mission Trip – The Bible Study Pastor Jennifer has created is going well.

Ten people are planning to go to Guatemala this summer. Moses Kavishe will be purchasing the tickets for flights on March 30.

Janis Martinez mentioned a list will be compiled for what is needed to be taken during the summer trip. She will be completing this in April and May. Janis Martinez mentioned she has a

list that was sent to her, and it's mostly for school supplies. Joyce Roy noted \$200 of Amazon gift cards have been received. Debbie Bilous recommended Janis Martinez investigate Walmart and Target for donations.

Hope Academy Harrisburg will be opening in Steelton. Registration opened on February 23.

They are hoping to have it as a STEAM academy specifically to be bilingual.

May there will be a solicitation for cards to be sent to the girls we support at the Academy.

Debbie Bilous will work on a folder for Meylin, and Karen Wright will work on a folder for Sarah.

Mission Projects-Ongoing

Sewing Ministry- Carol Crowe sent her report via email:

I am not going to be able to come to the meeting. I am experiencing vertigo. As I have not been to sewing the last couple of weeks, my report is from memory. 7 complete quilts, 5 kits to sew, 3 sandwiches in progress. I hope to get to the full day sewing on 21st. will report next Tuesday.

Carol

Old Business –

Volunteer Fair – This was very successful! Mary Ellen Hettinger is hoping this will be semi-annual.

New business

Lenten Giving- The designation for the Mission Team portion will be allocated to Tree 4 Hope-Elder Program. Mary Ellen Hettinger, Facilitator, mentioned she had spoken to Misty Jones, Facilitator of Community Outreach, to examine the possibility of the teams matching the donations. Mary Ellen Hettinger will provide updates to the team.

Mary Haar is pursuing a master's degree in Healthcare Leadership with Messiah University and would like to examine the missions Trinity has in Senegal, Guatemala, Tanzania, and Northwest Territories, specifically the medical concerns that are afflicting these areas. She will be submitting her application to Messiah University for her Capstone Course this week. She will forward the final application to the team.

Adjournment was at 8:15 with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 17th.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Haar, Team Secretary and Mary Ellen Hettinger, Facilitator