

MISSIONS – May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
7:00 PM

Opening Prayer was provided by Team Facilitator, Mary Ellen Hettinger at 7:00 PM. Others in attendance were Mary Haar, Patti Wilson, Janet Kissinger, Carol Crowe, Debbie Bilous, Joyce Roy, and Janis Martinez.

**Review /Approve Minutes – March 2023** – Janet Kissinger moved to approve. Patti Wilson seconded, and the motion carried.

**Guest Speaker-Laura Butcher** volunteers at the Harrisburg International Service Center which helps refugees from different locations. She presented the same information to Community Outreach. This team will review the literature provided and discuss this further at the June 21 meeting.

**Missions Finances:**

Lenten giving total was \$8,259.60. That was down from last year by \$2,500. \$412 was our half of the 10%. We matched the \$412. Additional \$337.02 for us to match \$750. Carol Crowe moved for \$337.02 to be moved from undesignated funds to Tree4Hope Elder program.

**ELCA Global Mission Partners**

**YAGM Program-Quentin Bernhard**

Quentin Bernhard will be returning to the United States in July. We have issued an invitation to him to come and make a presentation about his time in Senegal. We would like to have a luncheon this summer. Mary Ellen Hettinger needs to get dates for lunch at church. Mary Haar suggested he do a video and send it for Missions Minutes.

**Missions Partner-Deacon April Trout** is in Tanzania. Mary Ellen Hettinger and Mary Haar will email Deacon Trout.

**Missions Publicity – Joyce Roy-**

The Missions Team gave an additional \$500 to the Roaring 20's fundraiser for Tree4Hope. This was a successful evening.

A discussion was held about having updates about our current YAGM partner, Quentin Bernhard updated to the website. The Team will be choosing a new contact for YAGM this summer since Quentin Bernhard will be returning to the United States in July.

**Missions Partner Guatemala/Tree 4 Hope -Janis Martinez**

Janis Martinez will ask Steve Kauffman how much the Amazon gift cards totaled.

Janis Martinez has a wish list for the school and orphanage. We will create a tree with paper avocados on it with specific items for the congregation to give.

A request was made for instruments to be donated. Pictures and dollar amount for instruments will be available to the congregation. Monetary donations can be sent to David Holste, designated for Tree4Hope School Music program.

The Tree4Hope Academy Preschool will open in Middletown and Steelton this fall.

Flights are booked for the Summer Mission Trip taking place in July.

## **Mission Projects-Ongoing**

### **Current**

#### **Sewing Ministry- Carol Crowe**

#### **2023 Sewing Ministry Report**

**May 17, 2023**

This week's meeting was from 9 to 3. Six ladies came on Tuesday for various amounts of time.

Betsy tied one quilt, making 18 completed quilts in the closet. She also took a quilt home to see if she can tie it at home.

One sewn top came in via Collection Closet, and one top was completed by Scarlet on Tuesday.

Five tops were layered (sandwiched) by Deb and Carol.

Kathy laid out a quilt top and made it a kit. We now have 6 kits to be sewn into tops and 2 sandwiches that were still to be sewn and two still to be top stitched in closet.

Scarlet took home a quilt that is long-armed, from Carolyn, that has to be bound.

Carolyn has several quilts at home still to be long-armed.

Carol has 2 quilts to be top stitched and one sandwich to sew together, turn, trim and top stitch.

When these are all done, we will have 40 quilts and we continue to lay out and kit up tops each month. We continue to meet all summer and fall till week before Thanksgiving. We usually distribute quilts by end of October. LWR gets one half of what we sew and the rest I find local charities that need them.

#### **Mary Haar-Master's Program**

Mary Haar has written her outline for the project for her master's degree. Included in the project is creation of a manual for the Missions Team with information for all missionaries. Specific information will be provided about medical concerns for traveling to Guatemala, Senegal, Tanzania, and Northwest Territories. She will be creating a Communications Plan for the Team and will be contacting Joyce Roy about updating the Serve Our World page of the Trinity Website. She will email the contact about specific needs for these countries and see how the Team can assist in getting supplies to them.

**New business****Harrisburg International Service Center Partnership**

The Team decided we need to review the information Laura Butcher provided this evening before deciding if Trinity wants to create a partnership with HISCP. A discussion was held about creating an outreach opportunity or God's Work Our Hands Sunday in September.

Mitzi Jones, Mary Ellen Hettinger, Moses, and Laura will meet to discuss this further

**World Hunger-Bread Weekend.** This will be taking place the last weekend in July. Further planning will be done at the June Missions Team meeting. It was decided team members would rather make contributions at home and bring them instead of having a baking day at the church.

**\*Next meeting: June 21**

Respectfully submitted,

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