

MISSIONS TEAM MEETING– September 20, 2023
7:00 PM

Opening Prayer -Pastor Liz Frey – 7:15 PM

Attendance: Mary Ellen Hettinger, Facilitator, Pastor Liz Frey, Karen Wright, Patty Wilson, Janet Kissinger, Carol Crowe, Debbie Bilous, Laura Butcher, Janice Martinez, and Mary Haar

Review /Approve Minutes – July 2023 -review and email Mary Ellen Hettinger changes.

Missions Finances-Review – Mary Haar inquired about the overage for the Summer missions trip. The \$5K, is a reimbursed expense. Mary Ellen Hettinger will request David Holste to get this more consistent.

Missions Partner Guatemala/Tree 4 Hope -Janis Martinez Hope Academy in Middletown is going well. She visited in August. Steelton will begin in next August.

Bob Foster asked Janice Martinez about Sertoma getting involved with Tree4Hope.

Phase 2 is being worked on down in Guatemala.

A picture of the girl being sponsored through VBS was sent. Another trip will be going in January, so any card and little gifts will be very nice.

Information was sent about Chica Bean coffee to Janis Martinez, and Mary Ellen Hettinger sent it to the team members via email.

Mission Projects-Ongoing
Sewing Ministry Report

Sept 19, 2023

This was a full day Sewing meeting. The Sunday Sewing evnt as part of Impact Lives was a success. We had over 25 people come through our room and help to finish 7 quilts, 2 others were partially tied. The Sewing Ladies tied a few more on the 12th. We had 20 Quilts to be tied and are down to the last 3 and hope to finish these on 26th. This will make 56 quilts to be divided between LWR and local charities, Camp Nawakwa Quilt Auction, Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties, Bethesda Mission Women's Shelter, JFT Recovery (Veteran shelter) and International Service Center of Harrisburg.

The quilts will be Blessed during worship services Sept. 30th, and Oct. 1st, 2023. All in progress quilts will also be present for the blessing. The finished quilts will be displayed in the worship spaces.

Quilts will be packed up and Carol will take them to Tree for Life.

Mary Haar-Master's Program-update – The final project was submitted, and it was distributed to the Missions Team by Mary Ellen Hettinger.

Missions Publicity-Joyce Roy – Information will be given to her for Joshua Kenst to be published.

Old Business

World Hunger-Bread Weekend - We raised \$1000 from the bread sale. Total raised for August was \$7,300. We matched this.

YAGM/Quentin Bernhart Visit – Joe Hunter was away for the luncheon, but we thank him for prepping the work for the kitchen crew. Quentin Bernhart is currently interning for a year with LAMPA.

New business

Missions Committee Policy and Functions – Mary Haar will send her information to Mary Ellen Hettinger and Pastor Liz Frey.

Refugee Host Program Update – Laura Butcher provided an update. She requested feedback about helping the group of boys coming to the United States. The Boys are age 14-17. Comfort gifts are a good starting point, and it gets the congregation involved. We might do short term to get the boys on a good start. We will look at something long-term. An ESL program would need a dedicated person or small team to oversee this. Karen Wright mentioned we would need more information for an ESL class. Laura Butcher said they would meet once a week. The next step could be for us to sit in on a program. Catholic Charities is sponsoring this current one. October 16-December 4 at Fredericksen Library.

Eagles Wings- A \$200 retirement honorarium will be sent in honor of Leslie Hand upon her retirement.

Giving Tree – A date will be given about setting things up, should be November 11 and 12 and come down December 10.

Designates for 2023: Janet Kissinger moved for the following to be the designators and Carol Crowe seconded.

1. Hope Academy Pennsylvania in Middletown ages 3-5 preschool, bilingual, STEAM education
2. ULS – gift cards
3. Rocky Boy- gift cards for Dollar Tree
4. Tree 4 Hope

Janet Kissinger will be taking care of organizing the ornaments, cards, and envelopes.

Good Gifts – A date will be given about setting things up. A volunteer should be at the table to answer questions Sunday mornings.

Looking Ahead

Budget-2024 Meeting October 18

Mary Ellen Hettinger will email the information for the budget to the committee members and send back the information to Mary Ellen Hettinger by the meeting.

Mission Trip Supplies needs to be an additional line. This should be a few hundred dollars.

Budget should be left the same in amount, but we can allocate things differently.

Other business/Comments for the Good of the Order

Adjournment /Lord's Prayer 8:20

*Next meeting: November 15,2023

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Haar, Team Secretary