

Mission Promotion Team
February 7 2018

Present: Lyndy Zabel, Beth Holland, Jill Michaels, Karen Thompson, Cindy Staufferer, Ed Holland, Mary Longsdorf, Mary Gates

Lyndy opened with devotions.

Minutes from 11-11-2017 were approved.

Budget and financial statements (see attached). Lyndy explained which groups are included in MPT budget, and how our budget was spent in 2017. We also reviewed the budget for 2018. Lyndy also presented numbers for 2019 through 2022. With the benchmarks Lyndy and Lori McBride developed benchmarks so we can increase budget and mission work going forward.

CSGM contributions: 28 missionaries were supported by 45 different churches and 18 individuals from all districts in MN, for a total of \$55,000.

Sager-Brown Conference Trip, Jan 2019. Two Minnesota teams will not be there all at the same time, they will overlap one week. Mary L explained that one will be 6 to 18 and will be 13 to 25 Jan. They are two week trips, with weekend travel to Sager-Brown. The two groups that have been doing this for a long time and are looking for others to lead trips. We would like to find leaders for these two weeks. Lyndy suggested we set up a action team to coordinate leadership for the various mission teams we and the conference are sponsoring. We suggested folks for the team and Lyndy will contact them. If anyone would like to participate or have a suggestion to join the team, please let Lyndy know.

Gail Chalbi sent information (see attached) about the Church & Society Immigration Workshop. Lyndy also reported that the speakers were great. They also had an attorney to speak about the immigration process here in MN. We're thrilled that Church & Society had the event. We'd like to encourage Church & Society to have future events. Gail would like to participate in the Mission Summit.

SE Asia Mission Consultation was January 11-13, Cindy reported that 6 folks from MN traveled to Houston for this event. It was organized by Global Ministries and was the first time efforts from all 5 SE Asia areas (Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and Mongolia) met to talk about what they have worked on, mission theology and so one. They also listened to each group as they planned for the future. It was also helpful to meet others from different conferences to collaborate and work together. Ut and Karen (missionaries in Vietnam) will be retiring in May, so new leadership is being sought. This was hosted by General Board of Global Ministries. The regional office for Asia is in Seoul S. Korea.

Hamline Laos Advance Team is going in March to set up program that will run out of Hamline. They are also interested in 'seeds' program, church planting. There is a Laos team (similar to Vietnam team) that is working on our relationships there.

School Church partnerships need to start advertising. Jill and Beth are thinking about ways to encourage options other than simply food giveaways. They would like to have grants to impact and affect changes to church and church members. They have suggestions for different ways to be involved and different ways to spend funds. The grant application does ask how the program demonstrates relationship building. The new application will be available April 2nd. The entry deadline will June 30 and funds will be distributed by Aug 15 2018. We agreed that the focus of the grant should be relationship building.

Mission booklet is almost ready to go to print. Conference offices will get it printed and sent out. All clergy and mission staff at local churches. Information in it is available on the conference website. Some corrections will given.

VIM training is scheduled for March 17. Currently there is only one person signed up. Tammy Kuntz will be coming for the training at Hennepin Ave UMC. Lyndy is considering including it with pre-conference events.

Annual Conference: we do have the display table. We'd like to have lots of photos of different events we've participated in. Karen will coordinate with Lori to design the table. Karen will order conference mission materials for conference. Posters are made and are waiting on Bishop's letter to be sent out. (Puerto Rico Hurricane recovery 65%, Freedom Schools in Minnesota 20%, NUMAS Haus in New Ulm 15%) Health kit supplies have been purchased and will be brought to Annual Conference. We need to set up at Annual Conference, at the RiverCenter. We'll be informed of when it will be scheduled. Pre-conference event on 5/29; Ed suggested that we do an event about the 'age wave' and the church. He will contact Gail Johnson at conference offices. Ed will let us know what help he may need. Pre-conference events are 1-4 or 6-9 on May 29. Conference starts at 10 am on Wednesday. Love Offering Missions will be highlighted at Wednesday evening during a break in the concert and this is when the health kits will be packed. Love Offering will be collected on Thursday morning. The theme is 'Discover joy-live deeply.' Lots of tree imagery is being used. There will also be special interest lunch or could host a dinner, as an alternative to pre-conference events. We decided to hold off on hosting a meal for this year.

Henderson Mission Trip is coming June 16-24. There are about 30 spaces available.

Health Action Team; Ed talked about the federal budget cuts to international health care. Our budget has \$5000 and UMCOR is working on global health. Lyndy suggested contacting Dr. Ige at General Board of Global Ministries. When Ed receives information about health ministry events around the conference, he shares it with the parish nurses and his team. March 17 is UM Day of Health and an event in Atlanta. MN Gerontological Association meeting is April 7.

Minnesota Hospice Assn. has a meeting. April 16 is National Healthcare Decisions Day, Ed will send some information out to MN UM churches for April 15. Fairmont Ave UMC recently had a four-part series about end-of-life decisions. Ed was one of the speakers. Ed will add all of MPT to his email list. Golden Cross Sunday is a voluntary offering in our conference. Historically it has been the first Sunday in May and supported health ministry. It can be framed as a health ministry Sunday. In recent years the monies have been used to support local church parish nurses. There are some grant monies available.

Mission Summit has confirmed we can meet at New Ulm:First. The team will be meeting soon.

OC Ministries: Lyndy reported that the Bishop would like the program to expand. If you would like more details, please contact Lyndy. There are many young people joining the program. They are in 4 countries (Jamaica, Sierra Leone, Haiti, Liberia).

Our next meeting will be on April 14 at Ruth W. home.

We closed with prayer concerns.