

Mission Promotion Team December 7 2019

Attendees: Lyndy Zabel, Jill Michael, Karen Thompson, Mary Longsdorf, Lori McBride, Kevin Schill, Mary Gates, Ed Holland, Beth Holland

Lori provided devotions.

Minutes from 3/21/2018 were approved.

MAC Advance Special requests:

Joyce Uptown Food Shelf: they provide food self space. Their relationship to a local church is Lake Harriet UMC. Their administrative body is through Lake Harriet UMC. Lori moved and Jill seconded. Motion passed. Karen will let them know they have been approved.

Star Lake Camp has applied about 1 year ago, but has not completed the application.

MN Builders: we requested they complete the application. They did not.

We decided that in June 2020, we will review and contact the current and these two organizations (MN Builders and Star Lake Camp) to renew or apply based on what happens at GC2020.

School-Church Partnership update: Jill Michaels and Beth Holland: they were able to give \$4200 of the \$5000 available. We gave funds to all 11 churches who applied. They see a movement toward relationship building. They have talked with some churches with ideas for now they can grow their programs. We have budget for 2020 and in the proposal for 2021. We have asked for reports in the spring and those examples are listed on the conference website. We would like to advertise it more going forward. Jill and Beth will work on contacting churches to apply for the remaining funds by the end of 2019. PUBlicity for 2020 should start in the new year.

VIM Scholarship update: Lori McBride: there was a team who handled the applications for VIM Scholarships. Lori now has possession of the records. She is working with Lyndy and Gail Johnson to make the process work better. She is working on the verbage for the descriptions of the scholarships, along with the criteria for applicants as well as clarifying the amounts given based on the total cost of the trip.

Lori will send the process and policy for the scholarships to Karen, who will then send it out to MPT for comments. These funds roll over because they are designated funds. There are separate funds for Puerto Rico, Haiti, Sager-Brown,

Youth trips so this fund does not give to people who are going on those trips. We suggest that the criteria also give priority for UMC related mission activity.

Health Ministries: Ed Holland reported they have received a Golden Cross Application from IPV UMC in Minneapolis, which was approved. Lyndy will send in the check request and will deliver a copy of application to conference offices. Theresa Kiebler provided information about a webinar series about dementia in the church in Jan-April of 2020. We have approved district workshops on aging, but are still looking for the workshops to happen. We talked about ways the workshop could happen. Ed also has a connection to a program about falls prevention. They are specially focused on lower income and ethnic communities. We also think these programs would be good presented to care ministries and UMW groups.

Finance Report-Lyndy provided this report. On review of the finance report, Church School partnerships have spend their funds. Our budget for 2021 will remain similar, other than the amounts for Conference Mission Trip funds. Conference budget has been trimmed but with reserves should be alright.

2020 Love Offering- Simpson Housing Services, Emma Norton Housing and Joyce Uptown Food Shelf is the places that Bishop Ough has chosen that we list for the LO. We discussed our concerns regarding the metro/outstate. The Love Offering will also include 10% for VIM. We will suggest that we divide the offers 40% to Simpson Housing Services; 40% Emma Norton Housing; 10% to Joyce Uptown Food Shelf and 10% to VIM Scholarships. Karen will send an email with the recommendation to Cindy.

Char Ough's Bishops' spouses hygenine Kit making: May 2: Lyndy has been asked to organize kit making for 400 kits at Recovery Church in St. Paul. MMDC will be at GC2020. We will help with this. Lyndy, Karen Mary L, Jill, Kevin will help with this event.

General Conference is requesting volunteers. We also talked about signature MN Mission things-- OC Ministries, Project AgGrad, creating personal kits for girls/women (like Days for Girls); Mission Caravan were some of the ideas we have. Lyndy will be working with missionary training groups for commissioning at GC2020. Mary L and Jill and Karen will help Lyndy with this.

Annual Conference- there will be pre-conference seminars. Lyndy has suggested School-Church partnerships. There is a disaster response program (Connecting Neighbors) getting local church prepared for a local disaster, the GBGM representative is in WI, and may be able to come and lead the event. Kevin and Lyndy will work on this. MMDC truck will come to Annual Conference. Lyndy will work with Tonya and Chantel about kits.

2020 Mission Summit- Motley UMC was a great location. The afternoon sessions were not long enough (feedback from participants). Perhaps we should flip the

breakout sessions and plenary session. We would like to hold one in Twin Cities next year. We think Oct. 24 would be a good date. Lyndy would like us to collect kits and other items (in gathering) to send them to MMDC. Lyndy, Karen, Mary L., Jill, Kevin, Lori and Ed will be on the team.

OC Ministries cleared over \$55000 at their gala. Are building schools all over.

Justice Summit was in Northfield. It was very well done, about 35 people in attendance. They followed the Mission Summit model.

Sager Brown we have 2 teams going in January. Lyndy has organized a new team.

Spirit Lake Retreat Center we had 35 people go there for the mission trip. There will be 55 spots for next August 9- 16 2020. Geared for smaller churches and inter-generational.

Vietnam - they are offering VBS serving ~450 kids. There is a consultation in March. We have people going to that.

Laos Last January people from Hamline went. Daniel has started 7 new house churches there.

ADVANCE REPORT There is a new Advance booklet from General Board of Global Ministries. And new Mission Map. We need to get the word out about how to give. Lyndy provided an Advance report. UMCOR is still the big place where people give to. Even though the monies are down to UMCOR, they have reserves to be able to fund programs and ministries. GBGM is looking at becoming an independent organization.

Puerto Rico- Kevin is taking 2 teams in January from Hamline University and Hamline UMC. They will be on SE coast area. PR still has many issues with their infrastructure. There are 3 other teams from MN going this year.

Ed told us that Hamline University is considering dropping it's religion department, moving it into another department. The issue is there aren't enough students majoring in it. We can contact the president and the dean with concerns.

Mary will be having a Serv sale Dec. 10,11,12 at the church center, 9-5. They will be at Richfield UMC Friday and Saturday.

Our next meeting will be May 30.

We closed with prayer.

Submitted by Karen Thompson.