

OC Ministries Steering Team Meeting: *minutes*

1/27/18

Present: Kathleen Ambre, Ann Carlson, Wayne Eimers, Jerry Gilman, Katy Grisamore, Deb Gross, Jim Horn, Kathy Horn, Rick Ormsby, Karissa Ouren, Trish Shatek, Gary Walpole, Rachael Warner, Emily Wise, Elizabeth Zabel, Lyndy Zabel

Absent: Martha Allen, Annette Brandner, Julie Burma, Nancy Dunbar, Wayne Dunbar, Linda Koelman, Kemi Ojelade, Dani Shaffer, Larry Shelton, Matt Shelton

Introductions

Opening Prayer: *Kathy*

MSP: Review of the Minutes of 11/11/17

Finance Report:

- Income 1/1/17 – 11/30 17 \$103,108
- Expenditures 211,126
- Endowment Fund 12/30/17 64,908
- Net Assets (Free Cash) 11/30/17 14,154

Haiti Report:

- Karissa is taking a team of 3-5 people to Williamson in June to participate in teacher training. She will also be meeting with leaders of the Haitian Methodist Church.
- Ann and Trish are interested in helping on future trips.

Jamaica Report:

- Gary is leading a youth team in July.
- We decided not to support Earl's request for fencing and a partition wall.
- Lyndy will convene a Jamaica Leadership Council to discuss new team financial and travel strategies. Other members are Kathleen, Trish and Gary.
- Lyndy will accompany the Jericho Vision Team this year, in order to learn the ropes and develop an additional team for 2019 and beyond. They may someday expand to Puerto Rico or Baiwalla.

Liberia Report:

- Linda and Rachael are ready to travel to the Liberian Consultation in April IF we get an official invitation. Lyndy might also attend.

Sierra Leone Report:

- Baiwalla:

Rick is leading a trip there in April.

Hennepin Avenue is looking into a number of possible projects, including pre-school teacher salary support, FMSC, rice, beans, bowls and spoons, wells, latrines, basic sanitation training (Rachael's mom?), dormitory, and staff housing.

- Operation Connection, part two:

Ann will be finding support for 38 children in Baiwalla at \$170/month. This will include \$20/child for food. She will work in coordination with Larry. (O. Connection, part 1)

- Uniforms:

Emily will work with Annette and Judith Banya to develop a proposal for purchase of fabric and other materials to start a sewing co-op in Baiwalla.

- Mercy Hospital:

Sandy Christie is working with Helping Children Worldwide and the General Board of Global Health to update/clean up/renovate the site to reduce infections and become more efficient.

- Mariamma:

\$2K is currently needed from Lake Harriet for her salary support.

- Yonibana:

MSP: \$9,000 to renovate the old clinic for (new clinic) staff housing. (We will need to find \$11K more in the future.) Global Health has agreed to build the clinic. Africa Uplifted has agreed to staff and run it once it is built.

- Shipping:

We will ship FMSC, beans, fabric and other items this summer to Sierra Leone through the Reiners in South Dakota.

Promotions:

- Scripts are needed for Haiti (Karissa), Jamaica (Gary, Rick and Katy), Liberia (Linda) and Sierra Leone (Larry, Rick and Jerry) ... before March 1. Elizabeth will send them each a template.

- Ambassador Speaker engagements will be set up by Kathy, Jim and Gary once materials are ready.

Marketing Team:

- Ann, Elizabeth, Gary, Jim, Kathleen, Kathy, Kemi, (Rachael). Ann will convene the first meeting.

Gala Fundraiser:

- Elizabeth (chair), Deb, Emily, Karissa, (Rachael), Trish.
- The next Gala will be Saturday, October 13 at the Women's Club in Mpls.

Other:

- Deb Gross will contact Solar Ovens in south Dakota for a possible Sierra Leone connection.
- Kemi and Trish are looking into setting up a GoFundMe page for trip participant scholarships for HAUMC and possibly others.

*Next Meeting: Sat., April 28, 1-5 p.m. at Hennepin Avenue UMC, 511 Groveland Ave., Mpls.