

~~Council Representative 2012: Jeff Cieslik~~

**Ministry Team: Outreach and Social Ministry**

**Meeting Date: October 9, 2012**

**ATTENDEES:**

**Kris Meinert**

**Dick Gamble**

**Emilie Larson (and Maya)**

**Diane Putzer**

**Aaron Douglas**

**Excused:**

**Mike Lokensgard**

**Barb Jensen**

**Jenny Jamison**

**Kathy Freeman**

**Dana Olson**

**Pastor Mary**

Items that may require council action: Our ministry team is designating \$5,000 of our 2013 local grants budget to be available as a "live your call" fund. We need guidance from the council regarding guidelines and criteria for the fund. Does the council determine the guidelines or does our committee?

Items that may require budget/finance coordination to be presented to Support Ministry Team before being presented to Council: \$1,000 for Missionary support for 2012 to be paid through the synod.

Ministry team minutes:

- Old Business
  1. Bread for the World and Potlucks to End World Hunger – Tabled
  2. Missionary Sponsorship – Kris received an email from Leiseths with more information regarding their mission in South Africa. Kris printed the email. It is posted at each site. The email contained a link to their blog. Dick will write an article for the November newsletter. The synod has not received the 2012 funds yet (\$1,000) from FELC. Diane will check with Brenda and Cindi on the payment. At the end of the year, any "Day in the Mission" funds will be directed to our missionary family also.
  3. Feed My Starving Children Matching Funds – Jean Monson said a person had indicated an interest in being the FELC liaison for a 2013 Fox Valley FMSC pack. We need to include FMSC support (volunteer hours and possibly financial support) in our 2013 goals grid.
  4. Fox Valley Lutheran Homes FVLH – The \$500 donation to Fox Valley Lutheran Homes was distributed in September. Diane reported that the pie social at FVLH was well attended. The initial report is that the pie social raised at least \$7,500.
  5. Crop Walk – On Wednesday evening during LIFT and confirmation, Jenny will try to get some confirmation kids interested in participating in the Crop Walk which is October 14.
  6. Convoy of Hope – The \$250 donation to Convoy of Hope was paid in September. Pr. Mary and several senior high students participated in the Convoy of Hope on 10/6.
  7. Salvation Army Bell Ringing – Jean Monson has been in contact with the Salvation Army and has dates for FELC bell ringing. Dana is going to check with Jean to get names of members who helped coordinate the volunteers last year to see if they would be willing to help again this year.
  8. Alternative Gift Fair – Set for first two Sundays in December and Diane is organizing. She will put an article in the November newsletter regarding the Alternative Gift Fair. The shopping list will be in the December newsletter and will be available on the FELC website in November. Diane will check with Jenny Jamison regarding the organization she worked with in South Africa to add it to the shopping list.
  9. Fill the Trailer Food Drive – We set November 14 as the date. Diane will double check with the church office regarding that date, get it on the calendar and put an announcement in the newsletter.

10. LWR Boxcar Loading – Trubys coordinated this effort. The boxcar was loaded on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.
11. Heidi Schreiner mission trip to Johannesburg, South Africa – Kathy Freeman contacted Heidi and told her of our decision, discuss the need for documentation of expenses, and asked her to contact Brenda for disbursement of funds. Kathy also asked Heidi to develop an announcement for the bulletin and newsletter requesting donations to the Schultz World Missions Fund in her name, which will then be matched up to \$500. Perhaps Kathy can follow up with Heidi on the announcements and newsletter article.
12. Adult Foreign Mission Trip – 2014 adult mission foreign mission trip through Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry. No update from Pastor Mary.
13. January Emphasis on Global Ministry – No update from Pr. Mary.
14. Grateful Plateful 2012 – A Fox Valley Warming Shelter Event in celebration of their 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mission. October 10, 5-8 p.m. at Riverview Gardens. The public is invited to this fundraiser.
15. Interfaith Gathering at Fox Valley Islamic Society on September 23. – Diane reported that about 150 people attended. Attendance was less than last year, but the weather was a little chilly. Speakers included a protestant minister, a member of the Islamic Society, a member of the Jewish temple and a member of the Sikh temple. After the speakers, there was table conversation on specific actions we can take to make a more civil society. A buffet supper followed.

- New Business

1. Fox Valley Warming shelter – Kris and Dick will talk to Connie Raether (volunteer coordinator at FVWS) and select a week for FELC to serve in February 2013. There are some opportunities around Christmas and New Year's. Dick will write an article for the November newsletter announcing the 2013 dates and noting the openings available yet this year.
2. 2013 Budget – Our budget is due October 12<sup>th</sup>. Our budget is unique in that it is a percentage of the benevolence base which will not be determined until after the stewardship campaign is completed. In 2012, our budget was 10.5% of the benevolence base. We discussed increasing our budget proposal to 11% for 2013. Diane brought a spreadsheet illustrating what our budget could look like with a 5% increase in the benevolence base and 10.5% and 11% budget percentages. Our team's goals for the 2013 budget: restore ELCA college covenant scholarships to \$500 per semester, designating funds for member "live your call" initiatives and attempting to accomplish the first two goals without dramatically reducing our local grants. Rather than any unused "live your call funds" going into a designated fund, we would prefer the amounts be used for local grants since that is where the funds were "carved" from. Our budget proposal is based on an 11% benevolence amount with a 5% increase in our benevolence base (total budget of \$119,889). Our split would be as follows:

89,262	Churchwide + conference
12,000	College Covenant Scholarships
1,400	Quilters
17,227	Local Grants – includes "Live your Call"
119,889	Total

Diane will be at the Support MT meeting on October 15. She will be able to answer any questions regarding our proposed budget.

3. 2013 Goals grid – Diane will ask Dana to fill in the areas she can based the goals outline she created earlier this year that Kathy and Diane reviewed.
4. Next meeting is November 13 at 6:30 at the NS.

Submitted by: Diane Putzer