

Mission Board minutes for 01-11-19 meeting:

Chairman Gene Kuebler opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with prayer. Other members in attendance included Pastor Phill Robbins, Marty Irwin, Dick Anderson, Gene Axelson, and Marilyn Engleken. Excused absent were Aleta Rasmussen and Ruth Skriden.

Special guests were Barbie Eden, representing LWML, and Sue Schultz from Surprise Christian Preschool. The national LWML organization had awarded this preschool with a grant of over \$6,100 and presentation was made through our Board for Missions. The preschool has grown from 17 students two years ago to 40 students, and will be adding staff and an additional classroom for next year.

Correspondence had been received from each of the three Adopt-A-Student seminary students that we help support.

In response to a request from Valley Lutheran High School in Saginaw, MI where a former Crown of Life member, David Krause had founded the school over 30 years ago, we established a matching fund grant of \$10,000 in his name, to be used for tuition assistance. We are providing seed money of \$5,000 now, (from dedicated 2017 excess funds) and the balance in the Fall of 2019 contingent upon receiving information from the school on their success of raising matching funds. Motion was made by Gene Axelson, and seconded by Marty Irwin, and approved by the Board.

We had received a request for a \$10,000 grant from North Valley Christian Academy in Phoenix to be applied to their B.E.S.T. program which provides challenging academics and nurturing support for students with neurological and physical differences in a Christian environment. This Lutheran school received a matching fund donation of up to \$30,000 for this program. Dick Anderson made a motion to provide \$5,000 now (from dedicated 2017 excess funds) and another \$5,000 grant in the fall of 2019 with a second by Gene Axelson, motion was approved.

Board members agreed to assist the Chairman in various ways including providing research when request for financial grants are received, maintaining the Mission Board bulletin board in the Parish Hall, continue to develop appropriate educational displays for the congregation, etc.

The Board adjourned with prayer led by Pastor Phill.