

Board for Missions Minutes

September 13, 2019

Prior to the meeting starting Chairman Kuebler announced that Aleta Rasmussen has resigned from the Board and requested a volunteer to take the minutes. Dick agreed this one time to do the minutes. The Board Thanks Aleta for her service to the Board and serving as Secretary.

Chairman Kuebler called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Pastor Phill gave the opening prayer. Board members present: Gene Kuebler, Marilyn Engelken, Gene Axelson, Marty Irwin, Diane Douglas, Dick Anderson. Guests present: Mike Fischer, Jay Nelson, COL Congregation President.

Chairman Kuebler introduced our guest Mike Fischer, Mission Advocate and Gift Planning Counselor, and turned the meeting over to Mr. Fischer. Mike passed out an outline to everyone and then went into more detail on each subject such as: Missions within the Synod structure; the two divisions for Missions, National and International and the areas they cover; Types of Missionary opportunities, Career and short-term Volunteer Missionary workers; and financial support for Missions. Note: There were several questions from Board members and Pastor Phill that Mr. Fischer promised to respond to which he did in a Memo to Chairman Gene K and was distributed to Board members.

Following Mr. Fischer's presentation the regular Board meeting reconvened with Pastor Phill's report and approval of the May Board meeting minutes. Chairman Gene passed out a suggested format to be used in preparing the Mission Board 2020 Budget. He requested that a date be set within the next couple weeks for a meeting of the Board to work on a budget request. Meeting set for 9/24, 9:00 AM.

New Business: There was some funds in the 2019 Budget that are not designated to be paid on a monthly or quarterly pay schedule and need to be disbursed. Also there are 2 Board approved grants from the 2016 -18 dedicated fund to disburse. They are: Lutheran Border Concerns, \$1000; Lutheran Indian Ministries, \$1000; LCMS Military Chaplains, \$1000; Valley Lutheran H.S., Saginaw, MI., \$1000.; North

Valley Christian Academy, \$5000. Dick moved, Diane seconded that all of the above disbursements be made from the designated accounts. Motion passed.

Chairman Gene reviewed one of several pieces of correspondence the Board received, a letter from Sue Schultz, Director, Surprise Christian Preschool. The school in 2 years has grown from 7 students to 73 and this is about as many students as they plan to have. Because of the strong financial support they are now able to give out small scholarships to needy families. Gene K. moved, Diane seconded that \$5000 from the 2016 – 18 dedicated fund be sent to the Surprise Christian Preschool to be used for scholarships. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM with a prayer by Chairman Gene. Next meeting will be Oct. 11, 2019.

Dick Anderson