

BOARD FOR MISSION MINUTES

MARCH 13, 2020

Chairman Kuebler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present: Pastor Phill Robbins, Gene Kuebler, Dick Anderson, Jan Nelson and Marilyn Engelken. Marty Irwin attended for a portion of the meeting. Members absent: Diane Douglas.

Pastor Phill gave the opening prayer.

It was again emphasized that the anticipated expenditures will be met if we have funds available.

Gene Kuebler shared correspondence received from the Kenya program. The pictures and informational material will be posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. He will also highlight some of the students in the upcoming Jewels.

He indicated that Diane Douglas attended the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch annual luncheon. She will report on that at our next meeting. It was shared that this organization is pretty well funded.

We are looking at gifts that will make an impact. This will be a discussion for the future. The Board may want to focus on giving that will have an impact, rather than just maintenance to the organization.

A discussion took place that we should take a good look at specific recipients as to our dollars having an impact. Pastor Phill stated that distribution and allocation of funds to the Mission Circuit may change. He will find out more at their next circuit meeting and this topic will be put on our agenda for our April meeting.

A question was raised regarding the financial situation at Valley Lutheran High School, Phoenix. Gene will follow up on that and report to the Board at a later date.

We received requests from members of our congregation. The first one is for The Garuna Foundation. Pastor Phill will be contacting Kevin Kosberg of Anthem, AZ, one of their board members, to find out more about this ministry.

The second request is for Concordia Catechetical Academy. The Academy is dedicated to the promotion of Luther's Small Catechism, training seminarians for Nigeria. Our information about this is scarce and unknown as to how the funds are handled. Their letter requested matching funds for training seminarians at Ft. Wayne. After some discussion, Pastor Phill will talk to our member who submitted the information to seek further information in order for us to do our due diligence. Pastor will then report his findings to this Board.

Information was also shared regarding the organization, Doctors Without Borders. After some discussion, it was determined that this was indeed a very worthy cause, but that it doesn't match this Board's intent such as spreading gospel and Jesus to the lost.

We were informed that St. John's Oxnard is starting a new preschool. We will try to find out more information on this endeavor.

Next meeting: April 10, 2020

Closing prayer: Pastor Phill

Ilene Kuebler

Temporary recording secretary