

Minutes
Mission Council
October 28, 2013

Opening Prayer: Miles Peterson

Minutes from September 2013 Approved

Finance: Finance Report presented by Miles Peterson. **Approved.**

September- Contributions - \$14,615.50 Disbursements – (\$3,240)

Miles noted that projected giving is a little behind. We are working on ideas to remind people of their Faith Promises.

Screening and Appropriation Recommendations

Recommendation #1 Pat & Melenda Edmiston - Wycliffe Bible Translators-

The Edmistons are working on translating into people's heart languages. This gives a huge meaning to people, and enables God to speak through his word to individuals. Pat worked with 21 books of the Bible, while Melinda is working with Wycliffe training.

Approved \$5,000 Missionary Support + \$500 Missionary Care

Recommendation #2 Craig and Kara Garrison, Thailand Cornerstone International-

Focus is shifting to a different people group. They are also working with a marriage enrichment seminar which has been very successful. God is using them and connecting them with others. Their kids are doing well.

Approved \$5,000 Missionary Support + \$500 Missionary Care

Recommendation #3 Taylor and Allison Martyn, Kenya – SIM

Taylor is working on the movie for the Kenyan church. Allison is coordinating short term missions, and working with a young mothers' group.

Approved \$5,000 Missionary Support + \$500 Missionary Care

Recommendation #4 Andrew and Sarah Kopke, Middle East -Norman Community Church

The Kopkes have a new baby, Ellie, and are working with Syrian refugees, using the Discovery Bible method. Their project will be part of the Christmas offering. A disciple they've trained now has a home church of 90 people.

Approved- \$5,000 Missionary Support + \$500 Missionary Care

Recommendation #5 Marty O'Rourke, North Africa - Youth for Christ –

Marty is serving in Tunisia with the Wilsons. He's closed Big Baba's for the season, investing more into business. It became known this year as a place that people could ask questions about Christ. Also using the Discovery Bible method.

Approved - \$2500 Missionary Support + \$250 Missionary Care. Now Funded from Missionary Support

Recommendation #6 Haiti VIM \$7,500

Ken Shoemaker is recruiting for this trip, and mentions that there has been a challenge getting individuals to come.

Motion- Approve Haiti trip and funds with conditional approval for the Men's December trip (to shift funds if Haiti doesn't make).

Approved.

Recommendation #7 Honduras VIM \$15,000

This is with the Kuneys in February. \$10,000 will be used for the construction of the dorms. \$1300 will be for the team leader, with the balance available for scholarships

Miscellaneous – Recommendation #8

LACES board has requested an adjustment to the allotted funds. We had originally promised \$10,000 toward a car for Rebecca. They currently have an outstanding balance on a rental car. The board has requested that \$3,000 to be sent and used to repay that balance.

Approved - \$3,000 to be sent now to repay car rental balance.

Comments from Kelly- We have new members joining the Council, and we are brainstorming ways to revamp the meetings and Mission Council as a whole. It will be important to keep new members engaged. Miles Peterson is rotating off as Chair, and we appreciate all he's done. The new Chair is Larry Voight, and Kelly felt like God brought him here in perfect timing.

Standing Committee Reports:

Far Field- Elizabeth shared that they have the Big Baba's shirts in, and plan to have snowcones on the bridge to bring awareness. The Prayer initiative is going well. They've been with ICO and TU, and are looking to get more involved in ministry there. The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church is this Sunday.

Near Field- Miles shared that the Near Field team is on break as the Lovealls are on sabbatical. They've collected school supplies, and are working to cover 20 elementary school scholarships.

Local- Kelly shared about the success of the Local VBS. There were 78 kids, with 61 on busiest day, with 70 volunteers. God provided exactly what was needed. Krista Sessions remarked how she could feel the Holy Spirit just on campus. Four kids came to Epworth on Sunday. Epworth is now evaluating a Wednesday night program for kids for the first time in 30 years. They are building and taking ownership. Shelli Pleasant has been hired part-time for a year of partnership with West Tulsa.

VIM- Eve O'Kelley is leading a trip to Tunisia in April, and the college students are going the second week in May.

We closed with prayer for the Missionaries.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elissa Johnson