

MINUTES

Local Mission Committee, Tuesday, 2/2/10

In attendance: Rita Grazda, chair, Eric Weiss, vice-chair, Janet Riksen, staff, Carolyn Fraser, Priscilla Goodwin, Beth Richardson, Kathy Stenzel, Sheila Weiss

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by Rita.

Opening Devotional: Rita read an interesting selection from Mitch Albom's book *Have A Little Faith* about a minister in a decaying downtown church who was blessed with such faith that he continued to do amazing mission work.

Mission Council Update: Priscilla reported that at the last mission council meeting the focus was on our programs in Africa, as reported by Henri Rush. Henri has been working on these programs since the early '90's.

Budget Update: Rita reported that our budget for this year needs to be held flat at last year's numbers. We do have flexibility to change line items within the total budget. Since some items need to go up or be added, some will have to come out.

Added: military program, undesignated local mission for future expenses, added to Rebuilding Together Alexandria (Westminster will get a spot on their website), added to Bag Lunch Program due to increased cost of food.

Deleted: \$3,000 from Emergency Assistance, all funding for Habitat for Humanity, Bag Lunch "gave back" \$500 (from the \$1200 extra that Rita had proposed for 2010) for Emergency Assistance.

Rita will request Foundation funds to fund Emergency Assistance program back to 2009 levels.

The budget changes were passed unanimously by the committee.

CHES Planning:

- March 7 – Shelter: Eric and Sean are doing a table in church on Local Mission programs. Eric is getting a speaker for that day.
- April 25 – Self-Sufficiency Beth Richardson

The committee commended Rita on her excellent Minute for Mission for education in January on the scholarship program at Carpenter's Shelter.

Program Reports: NEED NUMBERS OF VOLUNTEERS AND PEOPLE SERVED SENT TO JANET FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY!

- Rebuilding Together – Eric announced that our big RBTA day will be Saturday, April 24th starting at 8 am.
- AACH – Beth Richardson went to an AACH volunteer orientation and got more information on their Adopt a Family program. She is going to begin to use our publicity outlets to try to get volunteers from Westminster for this.
- Carpenter’s Shelter – Rita reported that the director, Fran Becker, is retiring July 1. The search process for her replacement is underway and Rita is on the search committee.

Communication: Rita reported that sadly Alison is going to begin going to a church closer to her home in the District. The committee will really miss her!!! Rita asked for volunteers for the communication volunteer.

Digging Deeper in 2010: The committee needs to organize its plans for the future so they can be incorporated into the Mission Council’s plans for the Officer Intreat on April 10.

New Business: Kathy Stenzel suggested another volunteer brunch. Carolyn and Priscilla offered to assist her. A tentative date of May 23rd was proposed but we need to check with Larry and his schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 after a closing prayer by Eric.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Goodwin