

YELLOWSTONE PRESBYTERY MISSION COMMITTEE
ST ANDREWS CHURCH
BILLINGS, MT
APRIL 18, 2009
10AM

The Mission Committee meeting was called to order with prayer at 10AM. Present were Robert Shy, Lucy Ennis, Esther Kowatoski, Doug Johnson, Bev Harbaugh and Moderator, Jim Moses. Guests present were Cindy Kunz and Farida Mohamed. We introduced ourselves by telling something about us.

Committee had no access to prior minutes or financial report. Therefore much of this meeting was informational discussion about Mission Committee projects from years past. These included:

Intermountain Children's Home (\$1000-1500)

WNLT (\$500 plus 10 full scholarships of \$250 per person and 9 partial scholarships of \$100 per person to attend WNLT.

Institute for Peace Studies (\$100-1500)

Zimbabwe Mission

Christian education Facilitator—Brent Long

Bruce and Lora Whearty (\$500/year)

Grant applications for special projects

Robert Shy made motion "With no facts and figures present" we continue our level of commitment at 2008 levels until such time we know how much Mission Committee has to work with." Lucy 2nd MMSC

Cindy Kunz and Farida Mohamed spoke on activities of the Institute for Peace Studies. This program was started in 1990 with the mission "to seek alternatives to Violence through Education" This has 1 paid staff and 3 work study students who are usually foreign students. The program is volunteer rich but needs funding for basics. Some of their projects include Peace Village—a week long program; Friendship House with emphasis for "south side" kids; and a women's program. They will travel to give their presentation so long as it works around the student's class schedules. Farida read her college paper—Jim asked permission to present it at the next Presbytery meeting also to have the Peace Institute have a presence at the meeting.

We broke for lunch then continued discussion of Mission Challenge. There will be 46 missionaries in the US from October 2-October 19. Churches are encouraged to utilize them. Zimbabwe's Paul N. and his wife are in Denver. Also a Zimbabwe missionary is in the area. MMSC to request assistance from Council to get Zimbabwe missionaries/pastors visit our Presbytery this fall.

Mission has been taken away from Presbytery agenda at the meetings. We will suggest to council to have Jody McDevitt speak on her trip (requesting ½ hour for this); Teresa Kennedy's talk on "suicide Prevention" (requesting ½ hour for this); and time for the Mission Committee to present its actions (15 minutes requested for this.) MMSC

Presbytery is still looking for a Hunger Enabler.

We discussed WNLT funding. Scholarships are on an application basis.

Applicants need to send apps and full payment to the Synod. Mission Committee

reviews apps and determines scholarships using specific criteria already set up. Bev Harbaugh agreed to take the position of receiving and recording these apps.

"Big Tent" is a gathering in Louisville, KY June 10-11, 2009. This meeting is a national gathering of the various committees.

Zimbabwe Mission was discussed. The shed is half full—a recent offer of beds fell through. It's hoped to get this container of donated goods shipped this summer. Following that, St Andrews church requests another church take the responsibility of housing this project. A full report can be accessed online at Denver Presbyter PCUSA.

Robert led us in prayer to close the meeting at 1PM.