

Board for Mission Minutes

January 13, 2012

Present: Pastor Phill, Chairman Jerry McCall, Dick Anderson, Gene Axelson, Norm Jaschen, Willard Mears, Jan Reynolds, Al Waldron. Excused: Ruth Skriden. Guest: Pastor Larry Paul.

Pastor Phill opened the meeting with a prayer. Pastor Phill then introduced our guest, Pastor Larry Paul, Saving Grace Lutheran Church in Chino Valley, AZ. Pastor Phill met Pastor Paul through the Region 4 Mission Board and invited him to our COL Mission Board to present his ministry at a Mission Church.

Pastor Paul spoke at length of the challenges which were many of a Mission Church in Chino Valley. He arrived at Saving Grace in April 2006. Prior to this Saving Grace was a small group being served by the Pastors of Prescott and Prescott Valley. One of the major challenges is that Chino Valley is predominantly Mormon. Other issues include finances with only 50 or so members, distance some of the members have to travel, lack of leadership, etc. This is a second career for Pastor Paul so he has a pension which helps subsidize his less than desirable compensation including medical insurance from the Church. Saving Grace receives some support from the Circuit and the District. The Board was very receptive of Pastor Paul's presentation and the life of a Mission Pastor.

In the absence of a Secretary for the Dec. 9, 2011 meeting there was no printed minutes. Chairman Jerry reviewed the actions taken by the Board at that meeting. For the record they included: 1. The recommendation to the Church Council to purchase a large TV for the Library, funds coming from the Memorial account. Jerry stated this was approved by the Council at their December meeting. 2. Continue to support Living Waters 2012 VBS program using carry over funds from their 2011 allocation.

Gene moved that: 'We request from Pastor Paul a proposal of how He and Saving Grace would use a grant of \$2000, funds to come from our 2012 regular budget.' the motion was seconded and passed. Pastor Phil is going to e-mail Pastor Paul for a proposal.

Jan closed the meeting with a prayer. Jerry will host the Jan. coffee hour and Dick volunteered for February.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Anderson