

Board for Missions Minutes
November 10, 2011

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

Opening: Pastor Phill opened the meeting with a prayer. Minutes of the October meeting approved as published. Jerry introduced and welcomed Willard Mears as a new member to the Mission Board. Jerry reported that at the last Church council meeting Bob Gehrke, Board for Community Outreach discussed meetings held with the under 65 age members of the congregation. Pastor Phill commented that there is no push to go to contemporary services but they would like a mix of more contemporary music.

Word of Life: Jerry felt that the young people's presentation on their summer work trip that COL helped with some of the expenses was well received and gave the congregation an example of where some funds go. Pastor Phill has met with the recently Called Pastor for Word of Life. Dick suggested that it would be appropriate to send a Thank You letter to Rev. Steve Cluver for his several years as Pastor to our daughter church. Pastor Phill will write a letter and he and Jerry will sign.

Benevilla: Jan expressed a concern on this organization and that through LWML they find it is not Christian oriented, prohibits using the word Jesus or any religious reference. This organization has received \$2000 Mission funds each year. It was the general feeling of the Board members that this is the one organized provider of social services with great programs needed by even our congregation members and we should continue to make our small contribution.

Budget: There was a review of the 2011 budget and the status of both the line item funds and the one time recipients of funds approved by the Board this year. There is \$11,494 remaining in unallocated funds from the Voter approved 2010 budget overage. Dick informed the Board of a letter from Lutheran Hour Ministries that there is an "Open Door" to contribute toward a fund to receive a \$300,000 Matching Grant. Dick moved and Al seconded a motion: THAT THE MISSION BOARD GIVE \$2000 TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPEN DOOR MATCHING FUND. Motion passed.

Old Business Jan felt that we should help support Al and Joy Axelson and the 72 Partners ON-The -Road program that was presented to the Board at the Oct. meeting. Jan moved and Dick seconded the motion: THAT \$1000 BE GIVEN TO THE AXELSON'S IN SUPPORT OF THEIR VOLUNTEER SERVICES TO THE 72 PARTNERS PROGRAM. Motion passed.

Dick discussed with the Board that he had a personal problem with our meeting day of Thursday and respectfully requested that we meet on Friday's at 8:30. There is not anything else on the calendar or the need of the conference room on the second Friday of the month. There seemed to be no problems by Board members so Dick so moved, Al seconded, and the motion passed. Dick recognizes that he will now be expected to continue as Secretary.

Closing: Jan asked about the Memorial funds and suggested there is a need for a larger screen TV for the Library. Jerry said the Memorial fund will be considered on as a quarterly item and will be on next month's agenda. Jerry and Dick will host the Nov. coffee hour. Al volunteered to

host in Dec. Al had the closing prayer. Next meeting on FRIDAY, Dec. 9, 2011.