

## MISSION COMMITTEE MINUTES – June 1, 2010

*Mission Statement for First United Methodist Church Mission Committee:*

- To EDUCATE First Church and improve awareness of available local, national and global mission opportunities
- To EQUIP First Church to serve in Mission
- To DEVELOP and support missionaries within First Church—and around the world
- To BE GOOD MISSION STEWARDS

Attending: Melissa Hiler, Pam VanKirk, John Bowen, Jeff Hoffnagle, Mike Minnix, Amy Ogden, Mike Ogden, Bruce Higgins and Adina Higgins

Devotions: The opening devotions were led by Adina Higgins.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of April's meeting were reviewed. Motion made by John Bowen to accept the minutes and seconded by Jeff Hoffnagle. Motion passed.

### MISSION REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

1. Backyard Missions: John Bowen and Graham did clear out an open path for the movers in the back yard. The back yard is very overgrown. More work is needed.
2. Mission Volunteers: Tina Eaton has sent out some requests. One of them was for help with the property mentioned in Backyard Missions.
3. New Hope Ministries: No report.
4. Daystar: No report.
5. Mission Central: Melissa Hiler mentioned that Hoss' night is Monday, June 28. There is a sign up available to police each location's Hoss' parking lot to make sure that coupons are not being passed out on the property.
6. Bethesda Mission: No report.
7. UMHC: Jeff Hoffnagle said that Charlie Ryder did approve of a bin to be set-up in the hallway for donation collections.
8. Neighborhood Center: There are three kids that signed up for Camp Penn. Prayer partners will be assigned.
9. Sierra Leone Initiative: Jeneal Guise and Pam VanKirk have some ideas for Sierra Leone. These include collecting robes, stoles and a communion set; medical supplies; and/or children supplies. We may be able to do all three with the help of our church family.
10. Habitat for Humanity: No report.
11. FUMC Missionaries: No report.
12. Youth: No report, but these events are already planned.
  - A. There will be 27 youth and 5 chaperones attending the upcoming mission trip to Lynn, Massachusetts from June 27th-July 2nd. Youthworks will assist us in the partnering with local ministries to serve at homeless shelters and to reach out to the children and elderly of the city. At this point in time, approximately 30 FUMC youth and adults have signed up to participate.
  - B. In order to raise money for the Summer 2010 Mission trip to Lynn, Massachusetts, FUMC Youth will be holding the following fund-raising opportunities:
    - Jubilee Day - garbage duty - June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 NOTE: We are considering making the appreciation for donations in regard to parking more visible
  - C. We are continuing to support Gerber, the Guatemalan student associated through Compassion International that we have sponsored for many years, for another 2 years. He will age-out when he turns 20.
13. Children: No report.

14. Salt 'n' Light: No report.

Budget and Finance: No report. Melissa Hiler sent in requests for \$22,000 in payments.

Education:

Mission Table Display:

- July – Alternative Giving – Melissa Hiler
- August – Youth Mission Trip – Lisa McCaffrey **OR** Sierra Leone
- September –

Report from April 10<sup>th</sup> Mission Outreach Meeting: No report by Mike McAuliffe.

Methods for Sharing Mission Opportunities: The discussion included the following method for sharing mission opportunities:

- ✓ Website
- ✓ Project message on a slide before church service
- ✓ Link from Tina Eaton's "We Care" email to additional mission opportunities (not sure how to do or if it is possible)
- ✓ Would it make sense to have a person designated to disseminate all of the mission opportunities on all of the various methods???

Open Committee Positions for 2011: The following positions are open and need to be filled:

- ❖ Youth Representative
- ❖ Sierra Leone – Pam VanKirk may not be able to attend next year
- ❖ Chairperson
- ❖ We need more committee members

***There will be no meeting in July.***

Devotions for August's meeting will be led by John Bowen.

Respectfully submitted,

Adina Higgins