

Minutes of Hearts and Hands for Jesus, Int. Board Meeting, September 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. In attendance, (all by ZOOM app) were: Mike Bentzel, Wanda Bentzel, Pastor Sally and Crosby Johnson, Sue Crone, Sharon Meade, and Gregg Peters. Pastor Marti Peterson was absent. Pres. Mike welcomed all, and Sharon opened with prayer. Minutes of the August 6 meeting were reviewed and accepted (Motion-Mike, 2nd-Sue). Treasurer's report showed the Van Fund Balance now stands at \$ 6,214.37, with our total account balance at \$ 6,324.28.

We discussed the ornament sale, and how to maximize publicity for the van campaign. Pastor Sally reported that in October the van inspection will be due, and 2 new tires will probably be needed for the van to pass inspection, at a cost of approximately \$ 400.00. There are also some end of year registration fees that will need to be paid on the van. Also, up to \$1,000.00 may be needed for graduation expenses for 8 church youth by the end of this month. Sally is going to check with Marsha Reiber as to how much of these expenses if any can be covered by Friends of Limon, and all were asked to keep these things in prayer.

Gregg reported that our IRS tax exemption status has received tentative approval, and with some changes to our bylaws, we should receive our determination letter from the IRS by the end of this month. Gregg reviewed the necessary bylaws changes, and a motion was made by Sharon to approve and accept the changes as written (2nd-Sue). The changes were accepted as proposed.

Gregg moved that our slate of officers for the 2017-2018 year be approved as proposed (President, Mike Bentzel, Vice President, Sue Crone, and Secretary/Treasurer, Gregg Peters), (Sue-2nd), and the slate of officers was approved.

Sue outlined several fundraising ideas, one was a donation calendar similar to the Lenten calendar Friends of Limon used for the Education Fund this spring and another is a chart made up of donation squares of different amounts which people can 'buy'. Sue will work these up into more concrete items as Advent approaches. Sally suggested that these ideas also include items regarding the Education Fund and Food Bank, not just the van fund. Sue is still working with a friend of hers on having a logo designed for us for use on business cards, letterhead, etc., and will present those ideas when ready.

Sally is going to put our board in contact with Steve Fitzpatrick, who works with Heralds of Faith, to hear the information he has to share about how to properly handle non-profit organizations in Costa Rica and Central America. She is also seeking the advice of several attorney friends as far as dos and donts regarding non-profit operations.

The next meeting of the board was scheduled for Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 6:30 PM US EDST, and the Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregg Peters, Secretary / Treasurer