

## Hearts and Hands for Jesus Zoom Meeting January 13, 2019

Attending: Mike and Wanda Bentzel, Gregg Peters, Sally and Crosby Johnson, Sue Crone, Sharon Meade, Austin and Diane Chinault, and Marti Peterson. Unable to attend: Sherry Basilio, David Garret, Linda Little, and Steve Fitzpatrick

Mike Bentzel welcomed everyone and Sally opened with prayer. Board Minutes for November 11, 2018, meeting were reviewed and accepted. Gregg made motion to accept minutes and Wanda seconded. Minutes were accepted.

### **Secretary's Report:**

New Minutes were sent out with correction. Mike didn't receive minutes and Sharon corrected his email address. Minutes were sent to Mike.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Gregg closed York account and transferred money to Citizens. \$2,000 was given on Giving Tuesday and \$664.74 was designated as expense money toward housing allowance.

Citizen's Bank Account Balance as of 12/31/18 :	\$24,674.66
Van Fund Balance:	\$15,468.46
Education Fund Balance as of 12/31/18:	\$441.46
Housing Allowance Fund Balance as of 12/31/18:	\$8,664.74

Mike made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Sue seconded.

### **Website:**

Sue and Sally will be reviewing website to see if anything else needs to be added or changed. Gregg has posted the end of the year financial report. Sherry has not been able to reach her friend to help us create a video clip to add to the website. Sue may try to contact Asbury College to see if they can possibly help.

### **Review of Officers for 2018/2019 Year:**

There were no changes.

### **Education Needs:**

Covenant Life will be meeting on January 13, 2019, and they should continue \$1,000. \$3,500 was used last year and \$500 for graduation packets. \$2,500 is needed now by wire transfer for backpacks, supplies, and insurance. Also, each student needs \$5,000 colones which is \$10.00 in US dollars. They can't enroll without it. It helps that the dollar is strong right now and Sally is able to get a good exchange.

With the money left over from graduation packets, Sally has helped two students with tutoring.

After Sally organizes the school supplies that were brought to Costa Rica by Sue, she will let us know exactly what she needs. The kids start back to school the second week of February, but the teachers are on strike. However, the education money is needed now.

**Note:** In the same wire transfer, we need to send an additional \$2,500 for the van insurance which is due on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Sally has changed the insurance to be paid every 6 months at \$600.00, which is cheaper. Sally will check on paying the insurance yearly which is cheaper. It should be around \$1,200. She will let committee know.

Gregg made motion to send Sally all necessary money. \$2,500 for Education Fund and money for van insurance not to exceed \$1,200.

### **Fundraisers (Old):**

Sally stated Giving Tuesday was a success and she had people saying they were going to support HH4J. Four times as many people give than last year.

Some school items were brought to Costa Rica by Sue in the suitcases. Sally will see what she needs after and let us know. Kids go back to school the second week of February, but the teachers are still on strike.

**Fundraiser (New):**

Tea Parties: Wanda is meeting in York area with Marsha Peters on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Linda Little is attending as well as others. A decision has been made not to have all teas on the same day. The goal is to have them in Spring or early summer. There will be more information after the meeting. Sally connected with Sue Lamato in Florida. Sue L. could contact others who been involved with a team to Costa Rica and possibly organize a tea in Florida. Sherry Basilio will contact Sue Lamato. Also, Sally and Sue Crone may try to have a tea in Costa Rica.

**Lent Giving Calendar:**

Sue Crone and Marsha R. will work on the calendar and send to board to share with our friends. Sue Crone had an idea to contact big companies such as Chiquita, Dole, and other international companies regarding matching funds for next year.

**Modeling Fundraising:**

Items of clothing were bought and donated to a refugee family in the name of HH4J.

**Meal/Dessert Auction:**

Sue Crone's church will be having a meal and possible dessert auction once per quarter to raise money to be divided between four different missions. Sally is included. We should ask our churches to do the same.

**Guide Star:**

We're at Gold now. We have to meet lots of qualifications to achieve Platinum.

**Network for Good:**

Gregg reported a man called him and we will receive donations from them. We need to connect with bigger donors. Sue has printed material from the webinar.

**Immediate Needs:**

The van insurance is due in February. The Education Fund money is needed as soon as possible. Sally received donations for the kids' Christmas. Van repair is needed because the powering steering went out. Also, the clutch went out causing the van to hit something and there continues to be a noise.

There was a discussion of paying half down on a new van and financing the rest. Mike suggested purchasing a standard until an automatic could be purchased. However, Sally prefers an automatic if possible.

Gregg and Austin suggested it would be better to spend money on a new van instead of pouring money into an old van that continually needed repairing.

Gregg offered to finance the van and donate it to HH4J. He would just need his monthly payment. A legal document would be drawn up to insure he was repaid and how. Sally will price a 2018 automatic van in Guapolos as soon as possible. She will let Gregg and board members know what she finds out. Mike suggested Sally price a van in San Jose; however, it will probably be the same price everywhere in Costa Rica because it is Hyundai. It would be great if we could get a good used one for \$20,000-\$25,000 to best use our money. Sally will get another quote.

**Open Discussion:**

A team from Virginia will be coming to Limon July 5-12, 2019. This will be a ministry team not a work team. Sue and Marsha will work on possible July 2020 teams. Also, Mike and Austin discussed putting teams together.

Sally is now officially married on paper in Costa Rica. Sally began process of dual citizenship. She paid the first payment of \$300.00 and in June she will pay the balance of \$300.00.

Sally wants HH4J as a nonprofit in Costa Rica.

James T. will be completing Sally's taxes. Her expenses should be added to tax forms. Sally is sending receipts with Marsha Reiber. She is considered an independent contractor. Steve Fitzpatrick had previously said lights, printer, etc. would be included.

Sally reported there is a family of 5 living in 1 room and the house is falling down. This is an urgent need for a mission team. She would work out details with an interested team.

Sally is pleased with all HH4J has done for the Kingdom. Her visit to Pennsylvania was very important. He is full of expectation for His encouragement and leading this year. She is very grateful.

**Next meeting will be Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 6:00.**

Mike Bentzel closed our meeting with prayer.

Minutes were respectfully submitted by Sharon Meade.