

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM US Eastern time. In attendance, (all by ZOOM app) were: Pastor Sally and Crosby Johnson, Sue Crone, Mike and Wanda Bentzel, Pastor Steve Fitzpatrick, and Gregg Peters. Sharon Meade and Pastor Marti Peterson were absent. Pres. Mike welcomed all, and Pastor Sally opened with prayer. Minutes of the Dec. 10, 2017 meeting were reviewed and accepted (Motion-Sue, 2nd-Wanda). Treasurer's report showed the Van Fund Balance now stands at \$ 9,998.14 with our total account balance at \$ 10,108.05. A motion was made by Treasurer Gregg to accept the 2018 Proposed Budget, (Sue 2nd) and it was unanimously approved.

Pastor Sally gave a list of individuals who she would like to ask to become involved with HH4J as directors. All present agreed we should add directors as long as the total number of directors remains uneven for voting purposes. Each of our current directors took a few names to contact, and will report back as to whether those individuals will be willing to serve. Gregg is interested in giving up the secretary position if anyone else is interested in serving in that capacity.

The Board then voted unanimously to name Pastor Sally Johnson as Executive Director of Hearts and Hands for Jesus effective immediately (Mike, motion, Gregg, 2nd). No salary was set at the present time, however Housing Allowance money will be paid to Pastor Sally as the Board is able depending on donations.

Jaron and Gregg are getting together January 25 to work on the website and Gregg will get instructions so that he and others will be able to make changes as needed. One need is to get an active 'Donate' button put on the page leading to a Pay Pal account. Pastor Steve noted that we may want to consider a 'static' website, containing links to our Facebook page and other videos, etc. rather than an 'interactive' page where we need to continually make changes. The board will consider this in conjunction with Jaron's thoughts at our next meeting.

Regarding fundraising, Mike said we should consider seeking some corporate donations in addition to our regular sources. He will look into this further. Sally noted that Education Fund money will be needed soon, as she has approximately 70 students that have inquired about help with books, uniforms, etc. for the beginning of the new school year in February. Mike noted that Covenant Life may have some Education Fund money to donate, as well as Shiloh UCC. Sue made a motion that the Board advance \$2,000.00 Project Fund money to Pastor Sally from our current balance to be reimbursed to our Van Fund as the Education Fund money comes in from other sources. Gregg seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Gregg will wire the money to Sally's Scotiabank account next week.

Pastor Steve challenged the Board members to come up with a mission statement of less than 8-10 words, which succinctly sums up what Hearts and Hands is about. All agreed to work on this until the next meeting. Pastors Sally and Steve asked for special prayers for challenges they are going to face in the coming weeks.

The next meeting of the board was scheduled for Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 5:30 PM US ET. Pastor Steve closed us in prayer, and the Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregg Peters, Secretary / Treasurer