

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church
Mission Outreach Team
September 5, 2006

Members present: Nick Fleishmann, John Thompson, Sylvia Campbell, John Hathaway, Warren Evans, Debi McNaught, Doug Cordier, Sally Bowers, Paul Pinnicks and Gordy Lentz.

Sylvia opened the meeting with prayer.

Last month's minutes were approved.

Old Business:

Tamina Church: The next workday is Sept 30. The wiring is complete. Drywall is going up. They are still asking for money. They don't have enough to finish. November 4 is another workday.

Phil Blackburn has Loaves and Fishes staffed for the rest of the year.

The 'Cartridge Recycle Bin' is working. All we have to do is call them and the bin will be picked up.

Sylvia attended the Disaster Relief training. She was disappointed with the training.

Bread for the World will kick off with an 'Offering of Letters' after the first of the year. The issue is The Farm Bill.

On the African Partnership John Hathaway reported our three Africa friends arrive Friday Sept 15. They will be with us for two weeks. They leave Oct. 3. They have a busy schedule. There are still some openings for lodging and dinners.

Zambia '07 have started meeting. They are tentatively going the first three weeks of June.

The PC(USA) Southern Africa Network with other sponsored African Partnerships is concentrated in South Africa. They don't express much interest in other regions of Africa. We will try to set up a network which involves Mozambique, Zambia, and Zimbabwe (M&Z). This has been discussed with Sue Wright. She is in favor of it. This is the Wright's missionary territory.

The Refugee Assistance Program which has been educating and supporting Abraham Wei's brother in Kenya will come up about \$1500 short at the end of the first three-year pledge period. There is excess in an undesignated fund of Mission Outreach. It was agreed to transfer the \$1500 to cover the expense.

Long Range Planning will submit their Final Report to the next Session Meeting. The report is vision oriented, not goal orientated.

Team Reports:

Habitat is having Small Walls Sept. 17. The walls will be delivered Sept 23 to Conroe for house framing.

First Baptist and Trinity Episcopal are planning to build a house and have asked us to join the partnership. They will start Jan/Feb '07. We would like to see another church join in so there will be four churches. A Habitat home costs \$46,000. We would also like the Tamina Church to be completed by then to free up our time.

Mission Trips: John Thompson reported that his chair has been passed to Sally Bowers (sbowers2@houston.rr.com) and Bonnie Graham. John will help with the transition. They are working on booklets for the Houston and Belize trips. They are also working on Mexico trips. There is a bit of confusion on the Mexico trips, one spring, one summer? The Belize trip is planned for June 2 to 9. It will be for the post high school age. Expect the trip to cost \$900. The team agreed to direct \$2000 from the 2007 Benevolence Budget to support this trip. Fund raising will allow us to keep the cost low. *Requested to have a fundraiser for the Belize trip Nov. 12. Have a luncheon after worship with a paperback book sale.*

Paul reported the Community Clinic had its first Eye Examination day a few weeks ago.

There is a Blood Drive Oct 13. Gordy is getting set up for it.

Russ & Jeri Simpkins are helping Nick. Last month was a car full of donations.

Mission Coordinator:

The Peacemaking Offering will go to SE Texas Interfaith Organization, which is coordinating Rita hurricane recovery in Beaumont. Local mission is considered in our Presbytery New Covenant. We are allowed to contribute 25% of the offering to a local need.

Sylvia was getting volunteers for Alternative Market September 24. A photo was taken.

Sylvia announced the ESL personnel changes. There is one more position to fill, the Preschool Teacher Aide. The committee will hold interviews this Thursday.

Thanks to Debi for sharing her home and the great desserts for the meeting. Next meeting (Oct. 3) will be held at Sylvia Campbell's house. Gloria will be asked to present the devotional.

John Hathaway closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectively submitted, Gordy