

## **M & M Committee Report**

First Presbyterian Church

Boone, Iowa

February 4, 2017

2 PM

The Rev. Denise Group, moderator, called the meeting to order at approximately 2 pm.

Present: TE Denise Group, moderator, RE Doris Goering, TE Barb Huisman, TE Caleb Suydum,  
RE Mary Woerner

Absent/excused: TE Betsy Thompson, RE Bruce Jefferson, RE John Butler, RE Anne Stark

The meeting was opening with a brief devotion and prayer from *The Upper Room* (February 3), which highlighted one congregation's involvement in a food distribution/backpack ministry to local elementary school children.

The minutes from the last meeting (October 22, 2016) were distributed, read, and approved.

The following items of business were discussed.

- 1) The committee members in attendance expressed the desire for Bruce Jefferson to act as the secretary for its meetings, since he previously agreed to accept the grant applications for this year.
- 2) All grant money approved by the committee at the October 22, 2016, meeting has been distributed. This led to a discussion of the grant application process/requirements. Neither Barb Huisman nor her assistant were able to attend the consultation, and therefore Cana did not receive any money this year. We talked about the rationale for asking representatives to present their projects in person, and it was suggested that perhaps future consultations could make use of remote access technology, so representatives from the churches would have the option not to travel long distances for a 5-minute presentation. We have also tentatively set the date for the 2017 consultation meeting for September 23, 2017. We hope we can use the Ackley church for the consultation, since it appears the presbytery is working on remote access capability at the Ackley church. A promotional flyer will be available at the presbytery meeting, to remind the churches to think about what projects they might want funded in 2018. Further discussion concerning the grant application process will be held at our April meeting.
- 3) Denise reminded the committee members that the site visits in Fort Dodge are scheduled for April 20, 11 am-2 pm. The committee will meet at Cana in Fort Dodge (18 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street) at 10:30 am, and Barb Huisman has agreed to act as our "guide" for the site visits. She indicated that SW Café may not be opened by that time, and the group would have lunch at Cana if that was the case. She will also ask Kathy Bassett, former mission co-worker to El Salvador, to join them for lunch, so Kathy can explain the process for becoming a partner with a PCUSA international project. We attempted to bring Jim & Jodi McGill to the area last year, but it did not work out.

The meeting was closed with prayer shortly after 3 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Denise Group*

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Moderator, Ministry & Mission Committee