

Ministry & Mission Report

Originally, the committee had planned to meet after the Clergy/Ruling Elder Workshop at Iowa Falls, but the weather kept several members away, and a quorum could not be declared. The committee again met via Zoom on March 1, 6 pm. Present: Denise Group, moderator; Bruce Jefferson, Angie Risius, Angie Jewett, and Doris Goering. Absent: Sylvia Johnson, John Kerr, Barb Huisman. Sylvia had attend the meeting in Iowa Falls. David Feltman sent word that he could not be present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm. Denise Group opened the meeting with prayer.

The following items of business were discussed.

- 1) Tour: The committee plans to meet in Marshalltown on April 27. Habitat for Humanity will be hosting a Blitz Build (April 23-27), and the committee members expressed an interest in helping with the build AND opening up the possibility of others in the presbytery joining us for that endeavor. We will meet in Marshalltown on April 27, 9 AM. Anyone interested in helping that day should contact Denise Group (515-298-3464 or mdenisegroup@gamil.com). She will handle the registration. Limit: 25 people.
- 2) Partnership Grant Consultation: The Partnership Grant Application Consultation will take place on October 19, Northminister-Ames. Registration will begin at 9 am. Consultation will begin at 9:30 am. Partnership Grant application forms will be sent out to the churches before Easter.
- 3) Grant applications: The committee members talked at length about the application, especially the length of time churches can request funds for the same project. We have not had enough money in the presbytery budget to fund all of the projects for the past two years, and the presbytery has found money elsewhere so that all projects received the full amount they requested. We will not ask for additional funding for 2020, and the following was decided: Churches requesting renewal grants (same project, more than 3 years in a row) may request grants not to exceed \$1,500. Grants written solely for the purpose of providing travel expenses to and from the proposed mission site will not be allowed. Churches with multiple grant application requests should rank order their mission requests, so the church itself determines which request is most in need of funding.
- 4) Campus Ministry/Cana: We discussed the two campus ministries sponsored by First-Cedar Falls (UNI) and Collegiate-Ames (ISU), and also Cana (which has an association of sorts with First-Ft. Dodge). We recognize the good work done by the campus ministries and Cana, but we are undecided about how we should handle funds for these. Should we see these as on-going renewal projects (and thus cap their funds at \$1,500), or should we see these as “protected projects” as long as the Sessions of their sponsoring congregations request funds for them?

The meeting was closed with prayer at approximately 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Group