

Agape Interfaith Ministries Annual Board Meeting Minutes

April 26th, 2019

Directors Present: Duane McCracken, Gordon Goering, Mike Skidmore, Steve Foss, Lori Foss

Directors Absent: Karl Voth, Lynne Smith, Suzanne Griffith, Cindy Smith, Matt Craig

Guests Present: Helen Muddamalle, Howie Lucas, Ruth Lucas, Joleen McNett, Trena McCracken

Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Call to Order

Pastor Duane McCracken called the meeting to order at 9:00am, and invited Steve Foss to open in prayer. Pastor gave a short devotional based on Luke 24:5. Reminding us that Jesus is risen, and we will find Him among the living, not the dead.

Approval of 2018 annual board meeting minutes

The minutes were approved by Gordon and seconded by Steve. It was noted to make a change in the directors present, directors absent and guests present.

2018 Finance Report

Mike and Gordon reviewed the financial reports ~ see attached reports. As of 12/31/2018 AIM had a balance of \$18,247.01. They noted giving is down about \$7,000 the first quarter of this year compared to first quarter of 2018. We are falling short of being able to meet all the needs of AIM Ministries.

2019 Projections and Needs

The ministries basic needs total \$11,000/month. These basic needs include orphan care, pastor support, sponsored pastors, CBC, medical, office, elder care, after school clubs, and administration. We currently have between 20-30 regular monthly givers. Pastor Duane noted that it would be good to call our regular givers to say thank you for their support. It was decided we will ask for emails and phone numbers in our next mailing. Mike will get the phone numbers that we currently have of our monthly givers to Pastor Duane. Mike will also get the names of our monthly givers to Lori to send out thank you cards to those whose phone numbers we don't have. Also discussed was the possibility of electronic mailings to those on our contact list who would rather receive AIM newsletters electronically. It would cut down on mailing costs. Mike will get info to Ruth so she can do electronic mailings in the future. Discussion of sharing AIM information, needs, etc....via social media. It was discussed and decided that Ruth will meet with Mike regarding setting up a PayPal account for AIM to accept donations.

Changes to AIM By-Laws

Gordon discussed the need to update our by-laws regarding Board of Directors ~ mainly what to do about inactive directors. This change will be made to Article III section 3.1-C, adding a 5th occurrence of director termination. Gordon will make the necessary changes to the by-laws of stating that board members who have been inactive for 2 years or more shall be removed. We will then email it to the current board of directors for their OK, and vote on making the change at next year's annual meeting. The by-laws state we can have as many as 15 directors. We currently have 10.

2019 Mission Trip

Mike said the mission trip this year is scheduled for November 7-18. Total cost for the trip is usually around \$2,000/person. So far there are 4-6 people planning to go. Helen said they are currently working on a waiver policy for visitors to the ministry in India. Ruth volunteered to do video footage of the mission while in India. Joleen will be thinking about how to write a grant for the orphanage.

Medical Missions Report

Helen Muddamalle was present to give us an update on this part of the ministry. She shared that their nurse left. There is a doctor who comes to the mission twice a week. She is currently in talks with several Christian organizations with which to partner. The Christian organizations start and end the clinic with prayer, unlike the Hindu doctors. There is much need in the villages. Often residents are unable to travel so it is necessary to go to them. Much kindness and compassion are shown to the villagers which goes a long way compared to what they are used to.

Training for nurses in India is very poor. Helen is currently working on her doctorate, and when finished could start a nursing program in India. Indians could also come to the USA for nurse practitioner training.

Anemia is a big problem in India. Helen requests that we send vitamin B and iron tablets with the travelers to India in November.

Mailing Schedule

Discussion regarding frequency of mailings to our contact list throughout the year. It was decided that 4-5 mailings per year would be best. We will plan for 2 mailings of reports from the Johns, an annual report, a Christmas greeting, and possibly one other mailing. Each mailing should include clearly defined & specific needs.

Other Business

Helen shared that her Mom handles the orphanage quite well. She and KM live in the orphanage and have help. The Johns have been doing this ministry since 1962. KM still preaches 3-4 times a day. They are elderly now and have extra needs. They get only an honorary pay, and we are thinking they should be put on the payroll. Helen is currently helping her Dad with pastors, churches and women's ministry. She and her siblings are taking ownership of different aspects of the ministry. A trust has been set up. It is important that the vision be cast for the younger generation.

There is a huge need for an increase in monthly stipend for pastors. It is currently at \$50. An extra amount of just \$5/month means they could have health insurance.

Prayer Time

The meeting was concluded shortly before noon with group prayer time.