

**Mission and Outreach**  
**Zoom Meeting Minutes,**  
**December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Present:** Elaine and Tim Hunt, Gyllian Davies, Lynda Turner, Doreen Davidson, Duncan Mathieson, Joan Warren, Bridget Metzger

Lynda called the meeting to order.

Gyllian opened with prayer

Nancy Wigen wasn't available

Bridget volunteered to be the secretary for the meeting.

**Minutes** Moved by Duncan and seconded by Doreen that the minutes of the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting be approved. Carried.

**Financial Report by Doreen:**

**Local budget:** \$1450.58 remains

**International Budget** has been fully spent

**National Budget** \$1,000 remains

Council has allocated \$4109.59 from the "Over and Above" fund to Mission and Outreach.

**OLD Business:**

**Alert Bay** Gyllian reported that she has had no response from Rev Will Hubbard as yet. Joan **moved**, seconded by Tim, that a cheque for \$500 for large print Bibles be made out to St Saviours Church in c/o Rev Will Hubbard. Carried.

**Laundromat:** Elaine and Tim reported that the laundromat is coming along well. Van City has said that they will give a line of credit. The electricity bill could be high. They are hopeful that the laundromat could be open by end of January, beginning of February.

**Haida Gwaii** Gyllian reported that only our prayers are needed and not a financial donation at this time.

**Moved** by Tim and seconded by Bridget that the \$500 previously allocated to them be returned to the National budget. **Carried Discussion followed:** Tim proposed that the funds be directed to a Water Purification or Food Programme for First Nations Reserves, possibly in Ontario. Pandemic Relief was mentioned but Doreen reminded us that funds have already been allocated for this need. Joan wondered about contributing to Suicide Prevention. Finally, consideration was given to the support of "Water First" an NGO working collaboratively with First Nations on improving accessibility of drinking water, with a focus on education and training of community members. **Moved** by Tim, seconded by Doreen, that \$500 be donated to "Water First". **Carried**

**Angel Tree** Doreen reported that that the project was coming along fine and that donations were still coming in. Dale will put it in the bulletin again this week.

**Possible Local Projects:**

**Nancy** had communicated through Gyllian that Fernwood School could do with some help. **Bridget** reported that GISS had 2 families in mind and that Phoenix was wondering about the Community Christmas dinner. Bridget will follow up with them further. **Lynda** had been in touch with the Middle School and they try to provide food for anyone in need and would welcome our help. Lynda also reported that more than \$50,000 has been raised for the 'Tree accident' family. **Gyllian** reported that The United Church Christmas Day dinner is not happening this year. **Tim** reported that Fulford Elementary has a single mother with 4 children in need.

The donation would need to be made before December 17<sup>th</sup>, before lunch. Tim also reported that Fulford Hall is not in use at this time and so there will not be a community Christmas dinner served there. He noted that the biggest problem described by the Fulford Seniors was that many are lonely due to the Covid restrictions. Patricia Flanagan reported that they would like to have the zoom links to possible choirs and our church services. Gyllian will follow up with Patricia. **Joan** reported that SS Elementary already give out food cards as they are Covid safe but they would like to have more. **Duncan** reported that the Food Bank usually receives \$500 from Music Makers each year and he would like to see the donation continued this year, even though Music Makers has not been able to meet. Taking all this discussion into consideration it was **moved** by Bridget, seconded by Duncan, that each of the 6 schools receive 4x\$50 worth of Grocery Cards and that the remaining funds in the budget be donated to the Food Bank. **Discussion followed.** Elaine suggested that the donations be supplemented from the 'Over and Above' Fund. Tim made the **amendment** that each school would receive \$400 in Grocery Cards and that the Food Bank would receive \$500. Everyone agreed and the amendment was accepted. Gyllian agreed to request the funds from Andrew and that she would be in touch with us so that the funds could be distributed early in the week, which is the last week of the school term.

**Possible Projects for Remaining Funds** from the 'Over and Above' fund were discussed and Doreen made the suggestion that we consider supporting some schools in Monte Verde, Cota Rica. This will be followed up in the New Year.

**New Business:** there was none

**Next meeting** Friday 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 1pm by Zoom

Motion to **adjourn** was made by Lynda.

The meeting was closed with the Grace.

Submitted by Bridget