

GCUMC Team Cuba
Minutes of Meeting
Feb. 4, 2016

Attending: Lynda Starck, Rick Starck, Rev. Bill Fisackerly, John McGuire, Carol McGuire, Jeanne Shrout, Phil Kolbe, Harold Grafe, Dee Grafe, Scott Folsom, Mary Hilton, Betty Hansell.

The meeting was opened with the lighting of the Christ candle and a prayer by Betty.

Betty related information regarding Pastor Isel's visit later this month. Dan Christopherson indicated that several dates are open for Pastor Isel to speak at area churches. The group decided to invite him to speak at our Wed. night gathering on Mar.9.

Update on Finances

Jeanne provided statements of donations and expenses, showing a balance of 10,874.55 as of 1/31/16. \$700.00 of that amount was contributed specifically for Rev. Bill to take with him on his trip to Cuba this month and use at his discretion.

Prioritizing the needs of our sister church

The following items were selected to be sent to Nicaro:

Bike reflectors (6) -Betty will order

Blank DVD's - a supply of 50 will be ordered @ \$11.19. (Betty)

Flash drives - SanDisk Cruzer 64 USB 2.0 Flash Drive (2) @ \$14.99 each (Betty)

Power strips - Harold will purchase two at Home Depot

Nylon cargo straps - Rick will purchase

Spanish NIV Bible with commentary for Pastor Reinaldo - Betty will order for \$46.74.

Jeanne recommended sending money for materials to build a pole church on the back area of their new property. The team voted to send \$1,500.00 with Rev. Bill to give to Pastor Reinaldo for that purpose. She also mentioned that Crafy Ladies has some satin fabric they will donate for dancers at worship services in Cuba.

We decided to wait until Scott goes this summer to send sports equipment. Lynda would like for us to send some gifts for the Reinaldo grandchildren, Samuel and Gabriela. She mentioned that jewelry, matchbox cars, and small stuffed animals are always appreciated by recipients.

Rev. Bill is looking forward to his Cuba experience. He related that he has been invited to speak at the Holguin Norte District conference. He asked if we had any questions he should resolve while he is there, and several were offered by our group: Do they have a new refrigerator? Does Pastor Reinaldo have a microphone? How many electrical outlets are in the new house? Does it have a cistern? Are there hearing impaired people in the congregation? Rev. wants to know how they draw so many young people to their church.

We welcomed Phil Kolbe to our team, and he talked about the possibility of taking a team on a medical mission trip to Cuba. He has been part of such experiences before and feels it would be a worthwhile investment.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Rev. Bill.

Respectfully submitted by
Betty Hansell