

Gulf Cove United Methodist Church

Experience – Embrace – Engage

Team Cuba Meeting

NOVEMBER 13, 2018 – 7:00 PM

Attendance: John Furtado, Mary Hilton, Charles Hilton, Linda Stark, Rick Stark, Jeanne ShROUT, Carol McGuire, John McGuire

Meeting was opened with the lighting of Christ's Candle and prayer.

We reviewed Dan's travel plans and what we may be able to send down with him in January.

Reviewed the communications guidelines from Pastor Isel

Reviewed updates to both churches.

It was agreed to purchase a new phone for Pastor Reinaldo along with putting minutes on his phone and also Pastor's Siubel phone. Monies have already been sent for both of these items. Minutes have already been put on Pastor Siubel's phone.

We reviewed the financial reports with Jeanne.

Discussion was held on the water filtration system filters at Nicaro and how long the filters would last them. It was determined that they should have enough filters to last awhile.

Discussion was held on special needs and determined there may be need for an additional Galcom Bibles at Nicaro along with a personal computer for Pastor Siubel. Rich Stark volunteered to purchase a new computer (not to exceed \$1,000.00) along with a carrying case. We are going to ask Dan if he would carry it down when he goes in January. Jeanne also indicated that she had two used computers that were donated. It was determined that we would buy two carrying cases for these and give one to Nicaro and one to Frank Pais. These would be carried down when we have someone from the church travelling to Cuba.

Discussion was held on the water situation at Frank Pais and whether or not they may need a water storage tank. Put on hold until we know more information regarding their water issues.

Discussion was held on increasing the Food Program funds at Frank Pais. We have decided to increase the Food Program at Frank Pais to \$2,000.00, and also to increase the Children for Christ Program to \$1,000.00.

Discussion was held regarding making an announcement to see if anyone may want to make the trip to Cuba with Dan to carry items to Cuba. Carol did report that there are other options to send items to Cuba through general shipping. However, it was decided not to go this route at this time.

Discussion was held on payment for the missionaries at Frank Pais, as we are paying for the one at Nicaro. It was determined that we would pay \$360.00 for the three missionaries at Frank Pais. Discussion was held regarding how many churches have sponsors and how many do not and who determines which church in Cuba would be the next church to be adopted.

Discussion was held on how much money comes in each month. It was determined that between \$300 and \$400 a month.

It was suggested to have Dan come to our church for meeting, after the holidays, to discuss what is going on in Cuba at the present time. The third week in January would be ideal. Jeanne will get with Dawn to see what can be set up.

It was decided to send funds for Pastor Reinaldo and Pastor Siubel's salary with Dan in January. John will make a request to the Crafty Ladies to see if they are still willing to continue to support this project.

We will also send the funds of \$360.00 for the three missionaries in Frank Pais. We will be sending \$4,280.00 for both churches with Dan in January. Jeanne will get these funds to Dan before he leaves.

It was determined to hold off sending additional funds for the other programs until spring.

Linda Stark suggested that we show the first video that they made when they went to Cuba to the congregation to show how far we have come with our projects for our sister's churches.

Mary and Charles still have bracelets to sell.

It was decided that the church council needs to be updated with what it going on with Team Cuba. Minutes should be sent to Dana for distribution.

John closed us with prayer.