

GULF COVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Experience – embrace – Engage

Team Cuba Meeting

October 8, 2019

Attendees: Charles Hilton, Mary Hilton, John Furtado, Linda Starck, Rick Starck, Becky Stephenson, Jeanne Shrout, Joan Priest, Carol McGuire, John McGuire

John McGuire opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the lighting of the Christ Candle and prayer requests.

It was announced that Joan and Becky will be going to Cuba on February 10th – 17 with Dan Christopherson.

Ray and Barbie Dunfee will be traveling to Cuba in November with Dan.

Jeanne has set up a beautiful display for all items that we have requested the congregation to donate. She also posted a list of items and encouraged monetary donations as well.

Discussion was held on alternative ways to get items into Cuba, particularly shipping containers. There is a shipping container that is being filled at the present time and Jan Christopherson will be taking a trailer to Miami on November 6th and indicated she could take a few of our items with her. The cost for this type of shipping is \$2.49 per pound along with import duties. We decided that we would not take advantage of this option at this time.

Joan Priest brought everyone up to date regarding the meeting she went to with the new Cuba DS. He indicated he would like to have funds for a district dinner in December, and February District Conference for all the pastors and family. He indicated the cost would be about \$2,825.00 for both functions. It would cost each US sister church about \$70.00 each. It was decided that Gulf Cove would contribute \$75.00. However, when Jeanne had a phone discussion with Dan Christopherson, we may want to change our mind. Dan indicated that it was decided years ago that we would not fund meetings. He felt that the money could be better used at the sister church level.

Discussion was held on the children's after school program at Frank Pais. It was suggested that we may want to send more money towards this program, as it seems to be growing very rapidly.

Discussion was held on how much money we should send with Ray and Barbie to be used for specific needs at their discretion. It was decided that we would send \$750.00. Jeanne will make the request to Dawn for those funds.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.