

GULF COVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Experience – Embrace – Engage*

**Team Cuba Meeting**

**March 16, 2022**

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

John McGuire opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the lighting of the Christ Candle and asked for prayer needs and joys.

John read the letter that Mary received from Pastor Siubel. 71 new people attended and 11 committed their lives to the Lord. Frank Pais has already out grown their new sanctuary.

John went over the summary report on the funds that have been given to both churches from January 2021 to January of this year, including the money that Dan still has.

John reported on Dan's zoom meeting that we attended. Dan and Chris are planning on taking a trip to Cuba sometime in October. Jeanne will check with Dan about recharging the pastor's phones. Dan's next BBQ luncheon is scheduled for October 1st. Dan also indicated that the government has increased the salaries for professionals. Discussion was held whether or not we should increase our pastor's salaries. It was decided to keep the salaries the same but periodically send some additional monies for the pastors.

Becky indicated that Big Al is trying to put care packages together for just the pastors. The cost for the entire district will be around \$2,000. Becky suggested that we set up a zoom meeting with Big Al to answer all of our questions that we may have regarding what and how to send our funds to the churches. It was suggested that we make a list of what, how much and how often we should send funds before we talk with Big AL. The team decided to send the \$2,000 for the care packages that Big Al is putting together for the pastors.

Discussion was held on how we are sending funds to Cuba recently.

Discussion was held regarding us taking on support for a third church. It was decided not to take on a new church at this time.

Discussion was held on how we can keep the congregation aware of our Cuba program. John will get with Mike on a date to give an update on what is going on with this program. It was suggested that Mary's letter be read to the congregation and have Derek put some pictures up for view.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of the house next door to the Frank Pais church. Mary was communicating with Siebel saying the house next door was still for sale and the price had come down to \$6,000. It was decided that we would send the \$6,000.00 down to buy the house.

Discussion was held on how much and how often we should send additional monies to our sister churches. It was decided that we are going to send our monies directly through the conference.

John closed with prayer.

Sunday Morning's Meeting;

After the meeting it was learned that the lady that owned the house next to the church decided not to sell the house to Siubel. The team decided to send \$6,000.00, as requested by Big Al and Pastor Siubel, for building supplies to build an addition to the existing building to meet the needs of the church and the Pastor's family

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol McGuire