

MISSIONS, Board of

Mega-Meeting phone conference - October 29, 2013

Members Present Paul Hansen (Chairman), Glenn Ewert, Dave Collins

Meeting opened by Paul with a review of 2012 minutes, update of 2013 budget and expenditures YTD.

Discussion followed regarding budgeted items that will go unused in 2013, and what remaining expenses are predicted to occur in November & December of the current budget year. Two recommendations were discussed and approved regarding allocation of budgeted 2013 funds.

1. \$2500 budgeted for "Missionary Support" be given as a one-time gift to the Guerrero's to help off-set a shortage in their support.
2. As there was little interest or availability for Pastor's who have never been on a mission trip to participate in the vision trip planned to the Philippines through Montana On A Mission in conjunction with a team from the Big Timber church, it was decided to use those funds to send Paul on the trip to learn more about the ministry and what opportunities it offers to the Conference in providing Pastor's Vision Trips in the coming year. Paul will assess the field and ministry potential as well as create promotional video to better communicate to Pastor's about the Vision Trip and the Missions opportunity with Montana On A Mission. Plans will potentially be made in early-spring 2014 for a possible trip in Fall 2014.

2013 HIGHLIGHTS

- We have established a partnership with Matthew Ellison of 1615 Church Missions Coaching. Harvest Springs in Great Falls engaged in the 1-day Discovery Workshop in February 2013. HSCC is currently in the final stage of the Missions Coaching process that they have participated in for the past 9 months. It has been a valuable experience and benefit to the church leadership in developing their Missions Vision.

Several Conference churches have expressed interest in participating in a Discovery Workshop.

Matthew Ellison has been invited to Annual Conference to host a 1-hour seminar and be available to connect with Pastor's interested in his Coaching.

- The Guerrero Family concluded their year furlough and support raising for their next stint of ministry in Bolivia. They headed back to Cochabamba in July 90% funded.

ACTION ITEMS

WHEREAS there is a likely potential of the Board of Missions ceasing as its own board, **BE IT RESOLVED** no goals or action items be created at this time. Should the board continue in 2014, a meeting will be held in January to establish goals and action items.

Although the Board of Missions may be included into another board, we recommend the conference budgeting resources to keep assisting churches in the area of missions. Request of: \$2500 for 5 churches to participate in the Discover Workshop, and \$5000 for Pastor Vision Trip.

6180	Training/Education	
	Discover Workshop (\$2500)	
	Pastor Vision Trip (\$5000)	
	Total	\$7500

Meeting was concluded with discussion about why the Board of Missions exists and if it was necessary for it to be an entire Board. The general consensus was that while keeping Missions alive and an integral part of the local church, it is not critical to have an entire Board to do so. If the focus of Missions would be rolled into another board (i.e. a board of Discipleship or something similar) that would be sufficient. While there is not a pressing need or request from churches for help or guidance in the area of missions, we will keep contact with those in our Conference that are mission minded and able to assist churches and Pastors as needed/requested.

Three areas were identified as being something to continue to keep before our Pastors and churches: (1) Continue engagement with Evangelical Church Missions; (2) Continue to encourage and fund churches to participate in Missions Coaching with 1615; (3) Provide vision trips and opportunities for pastors to experience missions on a foreign field.

Submitted by
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