

Church in the World – April 3rd, 2022

Members present: Jean Jones, Mary Ellen Harned, Jim Crowley, Terry Fontenot

Staff present: Megan McCarty, Melissa Worthey

ACTION ITEMS FOR SESSION:

- 1) Approve collections for the rest of the year: school supplies for KRM & HCM in July and August, PACT food in September, Thanksgiving Baskets (or possibly gift cards, depending on what HCM does) in November, Christmas gifts (or possibly gift cards) for angel tree for HCM in December.
- 2) Approve Minute for Mission on May 15th and asking for monetary donations from congregation for month of April and May for NUTS group.
- 3) Approve Little Food Pantry to be placed towards the end of the ramp on Cherokee Road next to bench (property committee has already approved.) This will be a joint effort to keep it stocked, by asking church members and youth group periodically to refresh it as it gets low. Members can also restock as desired with shelf stable food items and hygiene products. Associate Pastor for Mission will manage the upkeep in conjunction with Property Committee.
- 4) Per Phase 3 of Race Audit report, make Race Equity Task Force a full committee of the session. If the session takes action on this, the committee would be established immediately and a budget would be established for the 2023-2024 budgetary year after the committee has decided what projects to take on in the Phase 3 report.

Old Business:

-Refugee resettlement teams are still going strong, but they are still going. KRM has asked us how many families we might be able to co-sponsor this year. Committee decided to sponsor two, but with the idea that we would come back together into one large group and resettle one family at a time instead of splitting up and working with multiple families at once as we had to this year.

-Mirazul scholarships. We will ask session (per action item above) for permission to raise money for our scholarship program again. We lost a large number of scholars due to covid – most dropped out of school to be able to financially help their family after they lost family members to covid. Some didn't have the ability or access to technology to continue. This year, we will ask the congregation for an increase in funding so that we have rebuild our scholarship program and hopefully sponsor more youth in Nicaragua.

Next meeting: May 4th, 6:30 pm.