

Church in the World Meeting, February 2, 2022

Members Present – Jim Crowley, Terry Fontenot, John Kim, Lauren Wood, Melissa Worthey,  
Staff Present – Megan McCarty

Action Item for session: Approve \$5,000 to be moved into “contingency fund” that committee would have spending discretion over. This has been done the last few years to be able to move swiftly when needs arise and not have to wait for session approval. In the last few years, this fund has been used to provide things like: stocking stuffers for the kids at Centerstone, medical bill help for our members, or mission trip funding for students at Simmons.

Began a conversation about 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter giving. At this point, it looks like our budget will be the same as last year, which means that we have the ability to give more money to our “core” partners. If we do this, there will possibly be less money to give in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, which sparks the conversation of – do we want to give more money to fewer organizations or stick with what we have knowing some of these organizations depend on this funding even if it is smaller.

Also further discussed giving to AMPED, Olmsted Parks, and setting up the little free pantry, which is set to be worked on as the weather gets better. Megan will talk with Michael about having the youth group stock the little free pantry on a regular basis, as well as having our church members take ownership of it.

Megan brought up the idea coming from the Earth Care Committee to plant trees for every month of the year and send notices to everyone in the church on their birthday letting them know that a tree has been planted in their honor. Earth Care will get pricing and return to the committee next month with a proposal.

Terry gave update on all our refugee families who have just arrived and talked through current needs of KRM. Megan gave a report that the WOW group has been “giving” baby showers for refugee women. They are purchasing or collecting baby items and giving boxes to the families who are expecting babies.