

Hawaii MAC Meeting
MINUTES
Sat. November 11, 2006

Attended: Jeff Mueller, Milt Goo, Marsha Wittig, Bill Shimkus

Absence: Milt Fricke, Bruce Betker, Hal Halvorson (all were prior excused)

1. Opening Prayer & Introductions – 1:10 p.m.

2. Reviewed the September Meeting Minutes

Milt Goo asked for Sept. minutes to be edited to read “Milt Fricke” seconded motion to approve Waikoloa grant. Milt Goo was not in attendance at that meeting. Minutes approved.

3. Old Business

A. Mission Updates

1. **St. Matthews Mission** – Kauai – Pastor Jeff shared verbal report on current situation about vicar John Bombaro and St. Matthews. John will pass his vicarage and receive a call on the mainland in early 2007. St. Matthew’s core group is aware of this and has asked the CNH District to exist as a preaching station, until a new start can occur.

Bill suggested the MAC send a letter of appeal to the core family who left Kauai shortly after vicar John arrived and ask that they support the Bombaros’ transition from the island. Jeff will talk to John about this possibility.

2. **Palauan Lutheran Mission** – Oahu – Verbal report
3. **Lutheran Campus Ministry** – Oahu – Verbal report
4. **Community Life Missionary** – Oahu – Verbal report

Jeff admitted that it is very difficult to serve as MAC chairperson and fulfill the role adequately, and would like the MAC to seek a qualified layperson to take over sometime in 2007. As an example of being too busy with his many other ministry duties, he failed to ask the missions to prepare reports for this meeting. Written reports would have been helpful.

- B. **Discussion & Advice re: Mission Reports** – Milt Goo requested that each missionary/church planter give us a written report every six months, one at the end of April and one at the end of September sharing how well they are doing in meeting their stated objectives from their mission plan and what strategies they plan to include if they are behind in any objectives. This will be passed on to the 2007 grant recipients and in reality, was a part of the 2006 grant requirements to begin with.

4. New Business

A. Report on Big MAC meeting in November

Jeff reported on the Oct. 18-19 Big MAC meeting covering the two main points below:

1. Financial situation & mission screening process:

Big MAC shared the financial shortfall for 2007 and that funding of all grants will be anywhere from 25% to 60% depending on the final decision of the CNH Board of Directors.

Big MAC screened all grant requests that possibly did not meet the current mission standards for grants, and Messiah Lutheran's grant request was turned down as well as others.

2. Future vision of mission work: President Newton shared a presentation on the future of mission work in our post-Christian cultural context and the entire group made a decision that 2007 was to be the final year of funding missions under the current criteria. In Feb. of 2007 the Big MAC will meet to make decisions on new mission criteria for 2008 grants.

B. Report on CNH Board of Directors grant funding decision:

The board met on Saturday, Nov. 4, but did not make a final decision on how much funds will be available for 2007 grants. They will make that decision in their Dec. 2 meeting.

C. 2007 Grant Funding Options (25% & 60%)

Because we do not yet know if we will be receiving 25% or 60% of our funding, the Hawaii MAC came up with funding amounts for both options. After much discussion, we approved the amounts on the attached sheet for each mission for 2007. After the Board of Directors makes a final decision, we will ratify whatever option applies to that decision. If the % is different than 25% or 60%, we will have an email discussion to make a final decision based on the available funds.

D. New Mission Opportunities for 2007 & beyond – nothing new to report

E. Any other new business – Discussion on recertifying current MAC members at each Hawaii church and recruiting new members from all churches so we have full MAC membership.

Milt Goo suggested we ask that each church also select an alternate to cover for the MAC member when not available. Jeff will write a letter to the pastor and council chairperson of each Oahu church to have them recertify current MAC members and an alternate for 2007. He will request names, phone # and email of each MAC member from each church to update our MAC member list.

5. Set date for next MAC meeting – Email meeting in early December to report on District Board of Director’s grant funding decision and make any final decisions based on the information.

6. Closing Prayer and Adjournment - 2:50 p.m.