

Hawaii MAC Meeting

MINUTES

Sat. June 17, 2006 @ Our Redeemer Lutheran

Attended: Bill Shimkus, Merilee Johansson , John Cassidy, John Bombaro, Bruce Betker, Patrick Pooock, Milt Fricke, Jeff Mueller, Hal Halvorson, Richard Sudheimer

1. Jeff opened with Prayer & shared Introductions

2. Jeff reviewed the purpose and guidelines of MAC with members and guests

3. Old Business

A. Reviewed Written Mission Reports

1. St. Matthews Mission – Kauai (Attached)
2. Palauan Lutheran Mission – Oahu (Verbal)
3. Lutheran Campus Ministry – Oahu (No report)
4. Community Life Missionary – Oahu (Attached)

4. New Business

A. St. Matthew's request for increased funding for 2006

Jeff shared an overview of what has happened at St. Matthews financially and that Vicar John Bombaro is not covered at this time by health insurance. John explained the reasons why the initial budget and the MAC request is not enough for 2006 – an unexpected loss of key supportive families to the mainland & most new families coming to St. Matthews have serious needs but are very poor. This is a positive aspect of the ministry but has not brought financial stability that is greatly needed at this early stage. John also shared that he has not been reimbursed for moving expenses, and has had to work $\frac{3}{4}$ time for the 1st four months on Kauai. Beyond that, the current worship facility (SDA church) is not cost effective and they are looking at other locations that would be cheaper.

Hal proposed & Milt seconded a motion to request an increase of \$10,000 in CNH grant to St. Matthew starting July 1. The additional increase will come out of the previously approved 2006 Kona grant. The motion carried.

B. Waikoloa Lutheran Church Presentation

Merilee shared the past situation with the Kona mission plan being delayed indefinitely due to Don leaving the island unexpectedly. She then shared the current situation with a contract for Rev. Les Seto starting on late October of this year on a part time basis. Merilee asked that a portion of the current Kona grant be redirected to Waikoloa Lutheran church as a mission restart. After encouraging discussing and questions, she was directed to go through the grant request process as set forth on the CNH web site and apply for a grant for last two months of 2006 and all of 2007 to bring on Les full time and set forth a viable mission plan for the future. She and Waikoloa will do so this summer.

C. New Mission Opportunities for 2007 & beyond

1. Patrick Pook of Messiah Lutheran in Ewa Beach shared a proposal of a new mission idea of supporting Messiah school for the two additional staff members (full time Jr. high teacher and administrator) to sustain and expand the church side of the ministry; to consider the school as an existing mission with a new mission plan. Jeff suggested that Patrick develop the general vision and plan for review with the Hawaii MAC and Hal asked for more insights from his council and leaders. Patrick agreed to develop a general proposal and send it to MAC members for review and then send a final pre-grant proposal to the CNH for their input and if the district gives its tentative approval of the application process, Messiah will move forward by applying for a mission grant.

2. Richard asked that we look at campus ministry possibilities on the big island of Hawaii for Les Seto that could be funded by MAC grants to supplement his income.

5. The date for next MAC meeting was set

Fri. Sept. 29, 6 pm @ Good Shepherd who will provide dinner

6. The meeting was concluded with prayer and adjourned