

Pacific Mission Action Council Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2006

Present: G. Edwards, C. Fenske, J. Hillmann, E. Krueger, G. Mohr, D. Reese, M. Seilnacht, E. Vallejo,

1. Meeting called to order by G. Edwards, Chairman at 1015.
2. Rev. D. Reese opened the meeting with a devotion based on Mark 4:35 and the words, "Let us go over to the other side." Some key points of the devotion were:
 - a. Potential issue of quitting in mid-journey
 - b. The journey being daunting
 - c. Need to "paint the picture" so people can complete the journey
 - d. Tremendous opportunity and responsibility
3. The April 7, 2006 minutes were approved as written.
4. J. Hillmann accepted to record minutes for this and future meetings.
5. The roster was reviewed and redlines made and provided to G. Edwards.
6. G. Edwards noted that the LWML and other circuit positions needed to be filled.
7. As it was the first meeting for three MAC members, each person took the opportunity to introduce themselves and provide a brief background.
8. It was noted that a September seminar on publishing electronic newsletters was to be conducted.
9. Communications was discussed at multiple times throughout the meeting, with the following highlights:
 - a. An electronic newsletter seminar will be held in September. C. Fenske will have details on this event.
 - b. The need to assist those publishing mission work news when English is their second language.
 - c. Need for better circuit meeting participation to encourage better communication between churches.
 - d. The Communication Committee did not meet since the last MAC meeting.
Also:
 - 1) C. Fenske and J. Hillmann agreed to join this committee.
 - 2) Committee agreed to meet on August 17, 2006 at 1630 at the District Office.
 - e. **(Action Item)** Prayer support was to be a discussion point for the Communication Committee at their next meeting.
10. Based on the MAC Objective box, as published in the April 7th minutes, the MAC felt it was "just getting started on its original objectives. Questions related to objectives 1 and 2 were asked. Included were, "Where do congregations get help" and "How does the MAC help the congregation?" Also included in the discussion:

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- a. For Spanish missions, congregations should work with E. Vallejo, while non Spanish missions should work with their mission counselor to help connect with available resources.
 - b. MACs need to communicate to congregations that they exist and what they can provide.
 - c. Congregations must keep the District Office involved in their plans so the District can provide assistance where available.
 - d. Rev. Reese expressed concerns over mission counselor (MC) visibility and participation with congregations and the MCs large regions that they must oversee. He further expressed that all MCs should make it their priority to attend all MAC meetings. Rev. Krueger believes the northern region has the least visibility.
 - e. **(Action Item)** G. Edwards will discuss the noted concerns with President Newton.
11. G. Edwards noted that only one church as submitted Mission Grant application and the July 15, 2006 deadline is approaching. Comments were made that other churches were in the process of submitting an application. Other grant application comments included:
- a. **(Action Item)** The MCs were to contact existing missions about application submittals.
 - b. **(Action Item)** District was to email or send letter to all pastors reminding them of the July 15th deadline.
 - c. MAC agreed to move the grant request deadline to July 31, 2006.
12. Rev. Reese provided status on the proposed Mission Festival plans. Included:
- a. Provided a handout that contained proposed festival plans/agenda. Overall, the MAC thought this was a good plan. Rev. Reese noted that Ablaze! Needs to be emphasized to further its objective.
 - b. The MACs primary responsibility would be the building of a display that conveyed what the MAC was about and what it could provide.
 - c. Prince of Peace in Fremont was unable to host the festival. After location discussion, Rev. Mohr from Good Shepherd, Hayward, stated their church should be able to host the festival. The MAC agreed this would be an excellent location and thanked Rev. Mohr.
 - d. Rev. Mohr agreed to serve on the planning committee and volunteered Helen Ostruske-Ringo, their church's Evangelism chairman to serve on the festival committee.
 - e. **(Action Item)** The committee would provide festival details for congregation inclusion in their August newsletters and other publications.
 - f. **(Action Item)** The committee will contact multiple key leaders at each congregation to provide festival details.
 - g. Rev. Krueger suggested other MACs be contacted to coordinate festival activities could be held. **Note – No action came from this comment although it was agreed this was a good idea.**
 - h. Rev. Vallejo commented that publicity materials also need to be provided in Spanish or other native mission languages.
 - i. The next planning meeting would be held when Rev. Zimmerman returns.

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13. C. Fenske showed the MAC the presentation board that was created that gave information on each mission, including photographs. During this presentation it was noted that the missions were not providing status input in a timely manner. In addition to the presentation board, C. Fenske also noted she created web pages and a CD with the information.
14. The Reformation Funding campaign was discussed, including which missions should be focused on for upcoming bulletin inserts and like documentation. The Mountain View mission was chosen for the next publication with the Hispanic Institute and Tuma Johnson's missions to follow.
15. Discussion was held on a recent issue with Tuma Johnson's reimbursement for EITT training that was initially paid by the Northwest District. Discussion points and actions included:
 - a. Information initially provided by T. Hartman's email.
 - b. Discussions were inconclusive on whether the Northwest District wants the money back or whether we should do anything without their asking for it.
 - c. Rev. Reese suggested the CNH district should pay the \$2080 bill and in the future the District should pay 50% and the student pay 50%.
 - d. Rev. Krueger suggested Mission Grant applications should include budget for education expenses.
 - e. Discussions were held on the potential impact if the MAC paid this bill, e.g., precedence setting.
 - f. By consensus, the MAC approved to pay from discretionary funds the full EITT tuition that is currently owed for T. Johnson.
16. Rev. Reese noted concern over action items being performed. It was agreed that action items be included in the minutes to assist as a reminder. The action item list could also serve as a "tickle list" from which actionees could be periodically reminded of their actions.
17. Rev. Reese closed the meeting with prayer at 1330. The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 1, 2006 at the District Office from 1000 to 1500. Key agenda items will be Festival planning and grant application reviews.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Hillmann