

**Committee on Mission**  
**Minutes**  
**January 10, 2011**

The meeting was opened with prayer and devotion at 12:20 p.m.

Members present were: Lewis Allen, Jeff Laufer, Randy Pack, Mary Jane Briscoe, Walter Thompson

Via Conference Call: John Nelsen and Bill Schlesinger

Also present were: Jose Luis Casal (General Missioner) and Theresa Wright (Recording Clerk)

Absent were: Craig Brown, Carol Weaver

The minutes of the September 13, 2010 meeting were approved as printed.

Communications:

- Mission Yearbook of Prayer 2012 – Theme is “Bearing Fruit and Growing in the Knowledge of God”
  - Mission Yearbook of Prayer article will be written by Walter Thompson and focus on Uganda.

Regular Business

- News/Updates from Presbytery Projects
  - Project Vida – Bill Schlesinger will continue as committee liaison.
    - Construction of clinic has begun.
    - Apartment construction to begin in February.
    - Begin taking over health center in February. First in the State of Texas.
    - After school programs continue
    - Have dental trailer but not operational yet

- Bob Lewis Mission – Jeff Laufer will continue as committee liaison.  
Alive and well in Seminole. Serving the hungry in Seminole and Seagraves.
- Pasos de Fe – John Nelsen will continue as committee liaison.  
Continue to focus on community center for needs in the neighborhood.
- Project Dignidad – Randy Pack  
Project of Nazareth Presbyterian Church, San Angelo.  
Lewis Allen was elected to serve as liaison.
- St. Andrews Mission – Craig Brown  
Board is changing and updating the by-laws of St Andrews Mission. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that changes in by-laws be approved pending the review by Walter Thompson and Jose Luis Casal.  
Instead of replacing the director the position has been split between the education director and the social service director.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Mary Jane Briscoe be elected to serve as the presbytery liaison.

- News/Updates re: International Partners
  - Costa Rica – Randy Pack  
Mission Trip dates need to be set and covenant relationship must be discussed and renewed  
Committee will begin negotiations via video conference between the committee and the group from Costa Rica to determine continuation of relationship. Jose Luis Casal will contact the new general secretary Rev. Carlos Tamez.  
Mission Committee members will be Bill Schlesinger, Randy Pack, Mary Jane Briscoe, Walter Thompson, Jose Luis Casal
  - Colombia – Carol Weaver was elected to serve as Committee Liaison

- Mexico and Border Ministry – John Nelsen

John Nelsen will continue to serve on the National Board (currently serving as Vice-President). Next meeting will be February 8-11, 2011. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that expenses (not to exceed \$300) be reimbursed from the Pasos de Fe/Border Ministry line item.

- Uganda – Lewis Allen

Planning trip in June to Tanzania. Pastor from Uganda will be at First, Midland in January. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Walter Thompson serve as committee liaison.

#### Other Old business

- Mission Trips for 2011 (discuss dates we might host mission partners)  
Will be discussed at the May Committee Meeting.
- Directory of Mission Projects (There is a file with materials collected by Lucy Odom). Mary Jane Briscoe will contact churches regarding what mission projects their individual churches support for inclusion in the Presbytery Directory of Mission Projects. Each church will be asked to submit a paragraph to the presbytery office.

#### New Business

- Colombia Mission Network Meeting in Colombia Feb. 5-15 – discuss covering expenses for Carol Weaver (committee ratified her election September 13, 2010). It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that the expenses be covered up to \$1000 (to come from the Colombia Mission Line Item)
- It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED to request a Mission Grant of \$5000 to the Synod of the Sun on behalf of the Evangelical Seminary in Matanzas Cuba for training events for liturgists in different parts of Cuba.

The next meetings of the committee will be May 2 and September 12. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

**Report of the Mission Committee  
To The Presbytery of Tres Rios  
February 25, 2011**

- I. Matters of Information
  - A. The 2012 Mission Yearbook of Prayer article will be written by Walter Thompson focusing on the work in Uganda. Yearbook theme for 2012 will be “Bearing Fruit and Growing in the Knowledge of God”
  - B. Mary Jane Briscoe was elected to serve as the presbytery liaison to St Andrews Mission; Lewis Allen was elected to serve as presbytery liaison to Project Dignidad.
  - C. Committee will begin discussion with Costa Rica regarding Covenant Relationship
  - D. Mary Jane Briscoe will contact churches for their participation in submitting information for the Presbytery Directory of Mission Projects.
  - E. Committee will request a Mission Grant of \$5000 to the Synod of the Sun on behalf of the Evangelical Seminary in Matanzas Cuba for training events for liturgists in different parts of Cuba.
  
- II. Recommendations of a Routine Nature  
None
  
- III. Recommendations Requiring More Careful Consideration
  - A. That the By-Laws of St Andrews Mission be approved.