

**Committee on Mission**  
**Minutes**  
**May 2, 2011**

The meeting was opened with prayer and devotion by Jeff Laufer at 12:30 p.m.

Members present were: Walter Thompson, Jeff Laufer, Lewis Allen, Mary Jane Briscoe, Craig Brown, Carol Weaver, Bill Schlesinger (Conference Call)

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

Absent were: John Nelsen, Randy Pack

The minutes of the Mission Committee meeting on January 10, 2011 were approved as printed.

Communications:

- Mission Yearbook of Prayer – copy of article submitted for 2012 yearbook was received as information.
- Flyer for Form of Government cluster meetings – was received as information.
- Flyer for presentation by Dr. Reinerio Arce Valentin – was received as information.
- Big Tent Event – was received as information. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that this committee provide one registration fee (\$285) to someone who is interested. Expense will come from Mission Committee line item

Regular Business

- News/Updates from Presbytery Projects
  - Project Vida – Bill Schlesinger

Written report was received as information. Will need three new board members

- Bob Lewis Mission – Jeff Laufer  
Mission is seeing increase in food needs since Easter. Core group of about 10 volunteers. Thankful for money presbytery provides. Current needs to include peanut butter and crackers.
- Pasos de Fe – John Nelsen  
Written report was received as information
- Project Dignidad – Lewis Allen  
Monthly reports are being received. As of the end of March 934 served by Project Dignidad.
- St. Andrews Mission – Mary Jane Briscoe  
Written report was received as information
- News/Updates re: International Partners
  - Costa Rica – Randy Pack  
No report – Recommendation from January, 2011 meeting – *“Committee will begin negotiations via video conference between the committee and the group from Costa Rica to determine continuation of relationship. Mission Committee members will be Bill Schlesinger, Randy Pack, Mary Jane Briscoe, Walter Thompson, Jose Luis Casal”*.  
Video Conference meeting will be done before the September 12 Mission Committee Meeting.
  - Colombia – Carol Weaver  
Written report was received as information

Plan a visit of one of the leaders to share the needs with the presbytery.

- Mexico and Border Ministry – John Nelsen  
Written report was received as information
  
- Africa – Walter Thompson  
Written report was received as information

#### Other Old business

- Mission visitors for 2011 (discuss dates we might host mission partners) – will target September/October as possible dates for visits
  
- Directory of Mission Projects – Mary Jane Briscoe  
Mission Opportunities within Tres Rios Presbytery. Working on listing of local community projects supported by Tres Rios Churches.

What is the need you are trying to address?

What is your congregation doing to address the need?

What is the contact information?

Jose Luis Casal will work on a form to be sent to the committee for review.

- Colombia Mission Network Meeting in Colombia Feb. 5-15 – Carol Weaver  
Written report was received as information.

#### New Business

- Malawi: Marion Medical Mission – Dick McFarlin (Retired Minister Member of Presbytery) works with this project which provides water wells in Malawi. Walter Thompson shared information regarding this project.
- Mission Committee supports a rebuilding team to assist in neighborhoods

- It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that a mission team be developed to recruit work teams to help in the recovery efforts in Fort Davis. Churches that wish to support this effort can send monetary donations to the presbytery office.

#### Next Meeting

- September 12 – devotion will be led by Lewis Allen.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 2:30 p.m.

**Report of the Committee on Mission  
To The Presbytery of Tres Rios  
June 10, 2011**

I. Matters of Information

A. Committee received reports from various presbytery mission projects

B. Presentation by Dr. Reinerio Acre Valentin from the Church in Cuba will be held:

June 15 – Lunch at First Presbyterian, Midland - 11:30 a.m.

June 15 – Evening presentation at First, Big Spring

June 16 – Lunch with pastors of San Angelo Cluster – noon

June 16 – Evening presentation at St Paul, San Angelo – 7:00 p.m.

C. Mission Committee will provide one registration fee (\$285) to anyone interested in attending the Big Tent Event.

D. The committee is working on a Directory of Mission Projects for the presbytery.

E. Mission Committee voted that a mission team be developed to recruit work teams to help in the recovery efforts in Fort Davis. Churches that wish to support this effort can send monetary donations to the presbytery office.