

## MISSION COMMITTEE

Minutes

March 28, 2010

**Members Present:** Betty Thompson - Chair, Javier Sanchez - Vice Chair, Mary Lee, Annie Lugo, Ann Niedringhaus, Sharon Portman, Alice Stauffer, Danny Jimenéz, staff.

**Member Excused:** Juan José Eschevera

**ITEMS FOR SESSION APPROVAL:** None

**Opening Prayer:** Betty Thompson opened with a prayer.

**Secretary:** Alice Stauffer appointed.

Minutes for March 7, 2010 were approved as corrected.

### **Report of activities:**

- **Wilson School** - "Read Across America" was a very successful day with Mary Lee, Annie Lugo, Sharon Portman, Betty Thompson, Don Lee, Ann Niedringhaus and Lance Allen all participating.
- **Moment for Mission:** On March 28 Javier Sanchez gave the congregation a wonderful report on the Food Distribution Program now serving up to 300+ families.
- **Pacific Symphony Children's Opportunity "Heartstrings"** - We had 100 kids sign up to attend. Only 35 showed up and they ended up in the highest seats in the house. It was attended by Betty, Danny and Linda. They were a little disappointed in the day as it was not well organized. They are not recommending we try it again.

### **Report on Agencies:**

- **Mercy House** - Annie brought us a very complete report on this program. We will review all the agencies we support at our next meeting along with our budget for support outside projects.
- **Our Children Project** - This is a home where children of deported persons are sent and cared for until their case goes before a judge. The INS is involved in this somehow. It is a Clergy - Laity partnership that is working and united for equality for these kids. They are looking for sponsors for these children. One of the responsibilities is to go to court with them to support them and to meet with the children to see how you can help them. One way we may be able to help is to offer our facility for them to hold a Bible Study here. They would have to provide the leader. Danny will check into it with the coordinator of the project, Wendy Tarr.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- We have never heard from Michael A. Gonzalez, program developer/director of My-G-Gig Intervention Group.
- Betty received an award from the city for her work on the dictionary project for Wilson School.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Recognition of Food Distribution Volunteers Dinner - 6 PM - April 10**

Danny and Flor Jimenéz will prepare the spaghetti & sauce & get the bottled water.

Ann Niedringhaus will buy the meatballs and order a cake at Costco.

Alice Stauffer will get all the ingredients needed for the salad.

Betty Thompson will bring garlic bread.

Annie Lugo will get the tables ready.

We will all meet in McFarland Hall at 4 PM to prepare the dinner.

- **East African Visit:** Linda Becker will do a Moment for Mission on April 25th. She is also getting information for the Canoes. They will be with us at church on May 16. We talked about taking them to lunch somewhere. Betty will talk to the point person for this project, Janet Kidd to see what she recommends.
- **Wilson School Teacher's Lunch or Brunch - May 21** - We want to show our appreciation to the teachers. We will settle our plans for this at our next meeting.
- **Tour at KidWorks** - Betty, Alice and Danny will visit KidWorks sometime this next month to see how we can work with them on a Mission Tour. Ava Steaffen is the director.
- **California Readers Medal Awards - MSA** that we support Wilson School by buying 5 books for the librarian so she can read them to the children. Students vote on their favorite book among the titles that have been selected. The committee voted to allow up to \$85 to buy books. Ann Niedringhaus offered to purchase the books and will give the bill to Dick.

**NEXT MEETING: APRIL 25, 2010 @ 11:30 in Conference Room.**

Mary Lee & Alice Stauffer will be excused as they will be out of state.

Scribe:

Alice Stauffer