

Minutes of Meeting 4/24/03, 7pm
Planning Ashland's Reception of Guatemalan Mission Delegates

Present: Present at the above meeting in Sandra Rushing's office were Pastor Sandra, Clerk Carla Ulgen, Mission Committee's Scott Graham, Nancy Coradi, and the convener, Bonnie Clarke. Marcy Kelly, Fellowship Chair, had given her input by phone before the meeting. John Walter, Mission Chair and Pastor José Díaz were not present.

Purpose: Bonnie Clarke called the meeting so that various church groups could discuss how they felt Ashland should host three delegates visiting the Baltimore Presbytery on the night of June 17, 2003. The delegates represent the Kaqchikel Presbytery of Chimaltenango, Guatemala, inter-presbytery partners with Baltimore since 1995.

Agenda: It was decided that Ashland include Ministerio Getsémani as co-host of the evening. Pastor José needs to confirm this.

Ashland will invite Towson PC and Chestnut Grove PC to this event. Both churches are aware of this mission partnership and could benefit by further contact with the delegates.

The event will include a raffle which will raise funds to be shared by the Guatemalan Partnership's Medical-Psychological Clinic in Guatemala and the church building fund of Ministerio Getsémani in Baltimore. The fundraiser must first be approved by Session at their May 14th meeting.

The overall event outline for the evening of June 17 is this:

- 6:00-6:30 Guests mingle/ Fellowship Hall/ consider Guatemalan Handicraft theme baskets for raffle/ music played by Jose's praise band
- 6:30-7:10 Meal Blessing (José?) & Buffet-style American Cookout
- 7:15-7:50 Introduce guest speakers (Bonnie) /Guatemalan delegates speak to audience
- 7:50-8:10 Last bidding on raffle items with numbered tickets / Buffet style dessert served
- 8:10-8:20 Sunday school children's greeting cards presented to Guatemalan guests
- 8:20-8:40 Handicraft theme baskets raffled off by numbered ticket drawing
- 8:40-9:00 Closing prayer (Sandra) and clean-up

The meal will be hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, watermelon, sheet cake, ice tea, lemonade.

A preliminary list of handicraft theme baskets to be raffled off is attached to these minutes.

The following people have agreed to help in specific ways:

- Carla – Intro event to / ask for fundraising approval at Session on May 14.
- Sandra – Provide “Minute for Mission” space in worship services on May 11 & June 8
 - Talk up this event with Ken Ironside of Chestnut Grove PC
 - Plan w/ DCE Dave Blair when/how Ashland kids will make greeting cards.
 - Advise Scott Graham when children's digital pictures can be taken at church
 - help Bonnie with artistic presentation of handicraft theme baskets.
- Scott - Photograph & print church school kids' photos on light card stock for Dave
Work with Nancy to figure out how the raffle bidding system will work.
- Nancy – Secure (rent?) a large barbecue for the cookout
 - Work w/ Scott on the raffle bidding system & secure numbered tickets.
- Marcy – Provide White round and rectangular table clothes for the meal
 - Provide 5 gal drink cooler for ice tea.
- Bonnie – Bring John Walter & José Díaz up to speed on this event
 - Invite & advertise event via pastors, mission chairs, newsletters, worship bulletins, posters and oral announcements.

- Gather items for Guatemalan handicraft raffle baskets.
- Invite church members to participate in advertising, set-up, clean-up, cooking, purchase tableware and food, be the raffle MC,
- Provide Carla with event information for Session's action on 5/14.
- Advise Guatemalan delegates of preferred speaking topics:
 1. What are the most frustrating/rewarding things you do as an indigenous woman pastor?
 2. What is daily life like for you in Guatemala?
 3. What is it like to be a teenager in Guatemala (for Layla)?
- Secure a portable microphone system for guest speakers through José's band.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm with all parties agreeing to report back on the progress of their assigned tasks to Bonnie Clarke.

**Preliminary List of Handicraft Theme Packages to be raffled off for fund-raising
(suggested values at the left)**

The Art Box: Oil painting of Guatemalan Lilies (14"x18")
(\$100.00) Box of watercolors
Package of water-color paper

Jewelry Box: Box painted with Antigua street scene
(\$30.) Beaded necklace.
Beaded bracelets

Music Box: Tape of Guatemalan music
(\$3.00) Wooden peasant flute

Dessert Box: Handwoven placemat & napkin set
(\$25.00) 6 coordinating dessert plates
Guatemalan Banana Pie recipe

Chuckwagon: Bag of tortilla-style corn flour and bag of beans
(\$20.00) Bag of Guatemalan coffee or woven table runner
6 Guatemalan recipes for dinner entrees

Beauty Box: Personal hygiene products made by herbalist:
(\$5.00) Soap, shampoo, skin ointment, basil massage oil,
Bath puff, small woven zip pouch

2-Gift Wrap Boxes: 2 sets of 5 holiday reusable gift bags
(\$35. each) 2 pkgs colored tissue paper & tape
Tie-on gift tags

Scholar's Box: Mayan-English Calendar poster
(\$10.) Guatemalan map & Flag

Bag-It Boxes: Assortment of handwoven zippered pouches
(\$4.00 each) Small woven purse

Straw-naments Box: Set of 10 handmade straw Christmas tree ornaments
(\$4.00)

Weaver's Choice: 3 distinct weavings to be used as table runners or wall hangings.
(\$45.00)