

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 29, 2011

of the

WORLD OUTREACH COMMITTEE

of the

EPC PRESBYTERY OF THE WEST



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IN ATTENDANCE: Gene Kissinger, chair, Mike Anderson, Charles Babb, Lauren Davis, Kelly Downs, Kelli Hayes, Al Johnson, Don Kearby, Cecil Matthews, Peter Menconi, Paul Neu, Chris Smith, Scott Urquhart, and by conference call, Ken Jones

1. Update on GlobalFest - Kelli Hayes

- **OBJECTIVE:** The Global Fest is a collaborative effort of iN², Multiethnic Colorado Network, and Denver area churches. Join us for this year's 4th annual Global Fest on **Saturday, October 8th, 2-6 pm in the Meadows at City Park** (west side of Museum).
 - John 13:35, "By this *all men* will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." We invite you to join us in loving our neighbors.
 - The **vision** is a festival to draw the nations together as a tangible representation of heaven on earth.
 - Our **mission** is to glorify God as we actively engage in cross-cultural relationships for the advancement of the gospel.
- **BACKGROUND:** We desire to continue building the growing global community in Denver and nearby communities for Christ. Understanding and breaking down barriers happens when we can name actual faces.
 - Sharing an afternoon of ethnic foods, multicultural music, dramas, and dance performances, and supporting local artisans with our neighbors.
 - Global Fest moved from Celebration Community Church in '08 to a neutral public park setting, creating momentum in the city, ethnic, and mainline churches.
- **GOALS:** Isaiah 12:4, "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted."
 - Initial relationships formed are envisioned to continue long-term after sharing contact information and following up with frequent 'real life' get-togethers.
 - Growth is expected at this year's event to be around 500-700 in attendance.
 - Meeting felt needs of the international community offered by churches and other service organizations for connections and true hope through friendships, ESL, women's ministry,

- Sunday Schools in their areas/languages, health care options.
- Building a positive standing with the city and the secular community as the Church actively models and engages in loving them and our neighbors.
- **FINANCES and RESOURCES:** Goal: \$5,000 with \$3,000 by April 30th. In-kind donations to be sought for paper goods, sound equipment and various activities supplies. In addition we will be resourced by thousands of volunteer hours for set up, clean up, children's and sports activities, administration, acquisitions, promotion, services, and hospitality on the day of the event.
- **STATUS:** Site, date, and times are secured and we are underway seeking vendors, performers, and partnerships for contractual agreements. Strides have been made in prayer, acquisitions, and promotions with expert planning advisement. Currently no finances have been received and we are focusing on engagement and sponsorships.
- **ENGAGE:** Underwrite the cost of catering for an ethnic food; Chinese, African, South American ... suggested \$250 sponsorship.
 - Would you consider underwriting the cost of a park contract, or staging area?
 - Please consider how your church might share fun and interactive short stories of hope in Jesus through games and activities with international children.
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- **CONTEXT:** Global Fest is scheduled to follow the Multiethnic Conference planned for October 6 and 7. Find out about it by following this [link](#).
- **WEB LINK:** Find out more about the Global Fest by following this [link](#).
- **DISCUSSION** centered around how to get local congregations involved. The WOC took the position that we should actively encourage nearby congregations to become involved. Don Kearby was asked to look further into getting info out to those congregations.

2. New Business

- Pastor Jim Murphy plans to attend the next meeting and make a presentation about his plans for missionary care.
- Our outreach worker and family have left for south Sumatra!
- Use of the \$5,000:
 - Charlie challenged us to leverage the money so it could end up having impact far past this amount.
 - Idea - Develop a vision for missions in a small congregation. Perhaps produce a video to motivate individuals toward missions.
 - Pete - Churches could apply for \$500 as seed money for projects.

3. Adjourn @ 1:30.

4. NEXT MEETING: April 20, 2011

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