

## Honduras Committee Minutes from 2019

### Honduras Ministry Committee Meeting Notes

#### Honduras Committee 2-5-19

Present: Diane, Monica, Brandon, & Tom

Diane started with a prayer.

Tom had asked that we review the Honduras page on the STA website to update it.

Together we looked at all the areas on the page.

We updated the members, and reviewed the mission statement and all links on the page.

Tom will look into archiving the OLD minutes.

We will add some information about programs we support.

We also talked about keeping the parish updated on the happenings in the parish regularly.

We will also attempt to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7 PM, after the Coffee meeting, but will vary when members have conflicts

We adjourned.

--Next meeting: March 5, 2019 – 6:30 PM

#### Honduras Committee 1-15-19

Present: Diane, Monica, Sheryl, Brandon, & Emily

Diane started with a prayer.

--Diane: Reported that Net had sent the \$3100 that John had requested for Maestro en Casa and she had also sent the first quarter parish support. It saves on wire fees when we send money together.

We talked about the balance in the Honduras fund. After those payments and allowing for the money earmarked for the parish coffee building, there is still a large amount in the fund. With that in mind Diane shared an email from regarding 2 possible areas of funding.

From John's email:

As for needs, there are two things I'd like the committee to consider.

First of all, about 33 young people (7<sup>th</sup> grade and up) are in a special program of five years free education in two places near Tegucigalpa run by a group of sisters (founded by a priest from the US). The children have to pass a test and be from really poor families. They live at two different places (one for girls, the other for boys). They get a good education as well as training in cooking, carpentry, soldering, and more. The girls learn how to swim (since there is a pool where they live and study). But the biggest cost is transporting the kids from here to Tegucigalpa. In a bus this is several hundred dollars. The trip is only three times a year – when they begin the school year in January, for a June break, and for the end of the school year in December. If STA could provide a subsidy for each trip (about \$400), that would be great.

Secondly, this is more a personal project. A good friend (whom many of those who have visited here have met) established a school for teaching English in Santa Rosa which is going very well. He is willing to come out on Sundays, with another teacher, to teach English to kids in Plan Grande. If we can find a way to subsidize the costs (mostly of the books) as well as his travel costs that would be good I don't know how much it would be but my guess is that travel costs would be about \$10 per week (at most), but I don't know the cost of books. If you can agree to help, I'll let you know costs as soon as I can.

We proceeded to discuss each item. We were encouraged that 33 young people are able to further their education. We recognize that this is quite the opportunity for them, but it is expensive to get the group

from the parish to Tegucigalpa. We feel that to help with this expense is a good support of the parish's young people who are gaining an education and learning valuable skills. So **YES** we will help with the transportation costs.

The second area would be to subsidize the costs of some classes to teach English to a group of people. **We all felt that was also a very worthy project.** John will let us know more about costs. But we are willing to help with the books for the class members and the transportation costs for the teachers who are volunteering their time.

I will let John know of these positive answers from the committee

We closed with a prayer.

--Next meeting: Feb 5, 2019 – 6:30 PM