

Minutes, New Castle Presbytery Guatemala Group
October 2, 2014

The Presbytery Guatemala group convened with prayer on October 2, 2014 by conference call at 6:05 pm. Those participating were Linda Williams, Sue Miller, Sally Cordrey, Bill Reed, Cathy Higgins and Cindie Moore.

1. Reed discussed his recent phone conversation with Amanda Craft. She and her family now live in El Paso, TX. She now has responsibility for mission co-workers in GT and MX. They recently held a PCUSA GT network meeting in KY and she had distributed various documents relating to that, but there did not appear to be anything dramatic that effected our efforts. She indicated that she would send the names of new mission co-workers and a couple of ongoing projects that could be areas to direct money. Bill had just sent her a reminder to do that. Amanda did indicate that after long delay the sewing center at the Mam presbytery offices in San Juan Ostanalco has gotten going and seems to be doing well.
2. We discussed the trip set for March 4-11, 2015 Linda hopes to go, Sue and Bill feel like there would be 1-2 people from PC Dover, Cathy expects 4-5 from Westminster, Wilmington. Of course, Cindie is added to that number. It appears that we should be at the number of eight persons that we believe to be best for the trip. We will be working with CEDEPCA on this trip.
3. Hopefully the Dover prayer partnership is getting started with the Carnation microloan group. Linda has at least 8 women who are interested in joining a prayer partnership. Cindie believes that the group recently started with funds from the New Castle Presbytery account would be logical. Hopefully, a visit can be arranged during the March trip.
4. Cindie mentioned the Saturday school, one of the activities of the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development. Most students are 15-20 years old and are working other jobs. Enrollment is down a bit in the last year or two. Likely this is because many young persons want to get to the US and don't see this type of education as having much value. Cindie will try to get us some more info on the Saturday school costs as well as on the cost of training health care workers.
5. Cathy referenced the draft of the agreement between NC Pby and the Development Association. She hoped everyone will review it and submit any comments to her by October 8. There was a fairly lengthy discussion about committing to the \$3,000 per year mentioned in the draft. Such a commitment shows that we are serious, but on the other hand, we really can't guarantee that we will get any particular level of funding from NC Presbytery. We will see what comments we get.

The meeting was adjourned at roughly 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, William M. Reed, Recorder