

Going Deep Meeting Minutes
Tuesday July 26, 2016

- 1.) Opening Prayer (Jeff)
- 2.) Reminder of Key Dates
 - a. August 2017 – re-evaluation 370 Days
 - b. January 31st, 2018, Final Back out date 553 Days
 - c. February 2018 – Going to Phoenix - Family Revelation 568 Days
 - d. August 2018 – Going Deep 735 Days

- 3.) Review and Approve Minutes from 7/13/16

Approve Minutes with the following additions to our personal and family skill set:

Teaching English, Child Care, Arts and Crafts

- 4.) Summer 2017 Mission Opportunity Options – results of conversation with Mrs. Cheeks and next steps

Email PCUSA trying to set up some contact and possible missionary agency and begin the work on finding possible funding with PCUSA, friends/family, churches, etc.

Melissa Cheeks is going to send some books for missionary work, as well as funding information and how to access funding for our mission service. She is also going to send some ideas for next summer's mission trip and possible contacts for our year of service. She strongly suggested partnering with an agency (PCUSA is a possibility) to provide support, resources, insurance, assistance, and guidance.

Next summer ideas:

We should focus on 2 options (1 close by – no more than a 5 hour drive and 1 farther away (no more than 8-12 hour drive) being possible with outside funding). We need to be aware of other expenses that will be coming up—trip to Phx in 2/18, Kenny's wedding spring 2018

To do:

We will each come up with 1 recommendation for a summer mission trip locally and 1 regionally by the second week of September 2016.

- 5.) Results of conversations with proposed third parties

- a. Scott, Katie, and Sandy were 100% supportive and would like to be involved. They understood the time commitment and waiting to hear back from us.

Concerns about the logistics of the meetings:

Sara will set up a Google Hangout for our group (Sandy, Katie Us, and Scott) We will keep the meeting where they are present short and concise. Once we set up the Google Hangout we can send out an email to invite them to be a part of the group. We will set a meeting in September for our first meeting as a group.

6.) Financial Considerations

Jeff brought this up because he is not concerned about liquidating our assets, though the reality is that we do not know where our 401K will be in 2 years. We would like to bring in Jason Hatch to assist with Financial Planning for our trip August 2017 with the idea of having his input on a plan A/B (go/don't go).

We would be formulating a finance committee August 2017.

Create a working budget

We need to start with a basic supply list (backpacks, tablets/computers, storage unit, shipping expenses for winter clothes, airfare, and transportation between missions—eurorail in eurpoe; how do people get from country to country in Asia?) and then start contacting international mission workers to see “If I was going to be part of your mission work, what would I need and what would be provided?”

Crowd Funding (gofundme.com)

We need to also look at planning out the year (12-20 missions) (2-3 weeks per month of mission work and then 1 week off)

Jeff will research tablet/computer options (something that has access to word type systems without internet. Sara will send Jeff the amounts for the backpacks that are on a wish list with Cabellas (this is a rough estimate). Sara will check into the cost of the international flatrate boxes (average cost to Europe and Asia). Jeff will begin working on the budget document. We will wait on the transportation costs between missions until we can talk with current mission workers on how they get to and from their mission work.

7.) Other Business

Contact the State Department to determine what we will need while we are away internationally—Visas (check when do we need a Visa and what kind of Visa would we need), Tax Returns, Vaccines (Sara)

Contact our local government for sponsorship/support/endorsement. (Jeff)

Homeschooling

Monthly lessons plans

Talk with the kids' teachers to assist with planning and resources and benchmarks for the kids.

Talk with the principals at VHE and Hamilton about benchmarks and returning.

Spring 2017 set up the Education Committee. Bring in the teachers and the principals. Maybe work with the teachers over the summer of 2017 to work on lesson plans, benchmarks, resources, etc.

Next Meeting: 8/9/16

8.) Closing Prayer (Sara)

Things to Do:

Both:

We will each come up with 1 recommendation for a summer mission trip locally and 1 regionally by the second week of September 2016.

Jeff:

- Research computer/tablet options
- Begin a working budget
- Information on obtaining sponsorship/endorsement/etc from our local government

Sara:

- Email/Contact PCUSA about partnering with them to complete this year of mission work and to get in contact with current long-term missionaries in Europe and Asia to gather ideas for work/networking/planning/budgeting/resources/etc.
- Send Jeff information on estimate of backpacks, shipping costs, and storage unit costs
- Set up a Google Hangout group with us, Scott, Katie, and Sandy
- Gather basic information from the State Department re: Visas, Tax Returns, Vaccines, etc when traveling to Europe and Asia for 1 year.

Important Dates:

- a. Mid-September 2017—Revisit Summer 2017 Mission Opportunities
- b. Spring 2017—Formation of the Education Committee
- c. August 2017—Re-evaluation date
- d. August 2017—Formation of the Finance Committee
- e. December 2017—relevant gifting dates—pertinent gifts to assist in executing the plan of Going Deep
- f. Back-out Date: January 31, 2018
- g. Purgin after Back-Out Date
- h. February 2018 fly to Phoenix to discuss with family
- i. August 2018 planned departure date
- j. Tuesdays after the kids go to bed (8-9 pm)

