**VPC Mission Committee -- Minutes of March 19, 2019**

Present were Doug Clark, Rev. Diane Christopher, Betty Kiesle-Yoder, Reed Olson, Larry Craft, Mark Horton, Janice Potter, Pat Nau, Ben Coppock, George Curtis and Kay Brouwer. Absent: Charlie Ashton, Sally Ruschmeier, Steve Larson, and Mary Horn.

Doug Clark presented a devotional interpreting the term “Jehovah Tsidkenu” which means “*The Lord Our Righteousness.”*  As passed down from the Hebrew peoples, it explains that the way to righteousness is to believe God is who he says he is and will do what he says he will do and act on this faith. Our Righteousness is a gift from God.

Doug opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of February were approved as adjusted for comments from the members and have now been placed on the VPC website under Missions.

**Financial Report:**  The Mission Committee’s budget was reviewed noting that the budget for 2019 is unchanged at $70,500. $46,000 comes from the net profit of last year’s Patio Sale and $24,500 comes from the General Budget Fund. Pass through giving is $5,898.84 to date. The members of the Mission Committee thank the Session for demonstrating their commitment to supporting missions in this financially challenging time.

**Mission reports/comments:**

**Hands of a Friend** – Pat said that the major fundraiser (a lunch and program at the Casino) was on March 16th, the Saturday of our Patio Sale. There is new leadership for Hands of a Friend being developed.

**Green Valley-Amado-Sahuarita Food Bank**- Betty had no report

**Posada Community Services** – In Sally’s absence, Doug reminded us of the Mission Breakfast on March 30. A sheet for volunteers to sell tickets, set up the room, greet guests and clean up was circulated. There will be a visit to the Posada Playground on April 5 at 3:00 p.m. Rain date is scheduled for April 12. We were encouraged to attend.

**Casa Vida Nueva para Ninos** – Reed met with Julio Durazo (New Life Church of God) and Elias Herrera (Directory of Home for Children) on March 8 in Nogales, AZ. They discussed the agenda for our next trip on March 23. There are 31 people going on this trip – 10 of them are new to the Home visits. We will be leaving VPC at 8:45 and returning by 4:00. Doug mentioned that cars be parked at the far end of the parking lot since there will be a music performance that afternoon.

**Crossroad Nogales Mission** – Janice reported that the program providing volunteers for preparing lunch continues. Difficulties with communications because of leadership health issues continue. Prayers should continue

**General Mission Support** – Ben is encouraging our congregation to participate in The One Great Hour of Sharing. “A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed” (from the internet). Rev. Medina will use Minute for Missions on Sunday, April 14 to explain more to the congregation. Kay Brouwer will use that time on Sunday, March 31 to talk about Hunger; Larry Craft will talk about Disasters on April 7. Ben gave printed material for us to use on those days and we were asked to talk no longer that 3 minutes. Gifts should be put in envelopes marked O.G.H.S. for One Great Hour of Sharing.

**Presbyterian Campus Ministry** – Mark and George reminded us of the Mothers’ Day Fundraiser at the Gaslight Theater on May 12. We will have 50 tickets. Another fundraiser for the campus ministry will be a Trivia Night at a church in Tucson. Time and place to be announced later.

**St. Andrew’s Children’s Clinic** - On Thursday, March 7, Kay led fourteen adults on a tour of St. Andrew’s Children’s Clinic. The Clinic has been serving suffering children from Mexico for over 45 years. After watching an introductory video, we were divided into groups of 4 to 6. We went to lunch in Tubac after the tours. Some people have mentioned a desire to visit the clinic in the fall. A tour is being considered.

**Valley Assistance Services** – Steve provided information about several events sponsored by VAS. At the Green Valley Library on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 12:30 VAS programs are presented. Also at the library, on Mondays March 18 through April 29 at 4:00 is a class on brain health, memory loss and dementia. On Wednesday mornings from 10:30 to noon and from 1 to 2:30 is a support group in the VAS office discussing dementia and memory loss. On March 22, 29 and April 12 and 26 there is a program in the VAS office to “Walk in the Shoes of Those with Dementia.” On April 1st VAS will have an open house and health screenings from 10:00 to 1:00. Finally, on April 7, there will be a Car Show which will benefit VAS at Quail Creek from 11:00 to 3:00. Lunch will be available.

**YOTO** – Mary’s submitted a printed report. Five ladies met on February 27 and created 87 inspirational cards for Youth On Their Own. Nine hours and 10 minutes of volunteer time was contributed. Next card-making will be Wednesday, March 27 at 2:00 in classroom 5.

Noisy Offering on March 31 will go toward YOTO. Mary will talk about it on March 24 Sunday’s Minute for Mission. Six people need to sign up to help to collect the offering early in the service on March 31. Buckets will be in the office left of Gay’s desk. Please wear Mission Tee Shirts that Sunday. Mary suggests we also wear our tee shirts for the March 30 Mission Breakfast.

Snack Bag donations came in well on March 17 before and after church. Specific items for Snack Bags for the Homeless include: Bottled Water, Tuna, Cracker Packets, Peanut Butter Cracker Packets, Cheese and Cracker Packets, Granola Bars, Gorp/Trail Mix (in small packages), Vienna Sausage, Apple Sauce Cups/Fruit Snacks, Peanuts, and Wet Wipes. Doug, Steve and Charlie were at the tables in Charter hall accepting donations, answering questions and packing items away. On March 24, Doug, George, Reed and Mary will be at the collection tables. On March 31 Mary and Larry will be there. Thanks to all these people for their help. We will assemble the Snack Bags after our April 9 Mission Meeting. Any congregation members may help. Most of the bags will be taken to the Hospitality House at the Salvation army. Those who wish to take some for their cars are welcome to do so. Mary is working on a small card/bookmark to be placed in each bag with VPC logo and Bible verse.

**Operation Mobilization (Pam and Dave L.)** – Doug had no report

**Bob and Kristi Rice (PCUSA Missionaries)** - Doug summarized from their blog telling of a class they’re teaching called Spiritual Formation. The students are attempting to “open (their) minds and also descend into the heart where they face the ‘ever present’ Lord who dwells within.” The students practice Lectio Dinina, or “Divine Reading” of Scripture, aiming for deeper understanding.

**Old Business:**

**Mission Breakfast** – March 20 for benefit of Posada Community Services. A sign-up sheet was passed for Selling Tickets March 24, set up on Friday, March 29 at 1:00 p.m., Greeting at 8:00 a.m. March 30, and clean-up after breakfast.

**Noisy Offering** – See above under committee reports for YOTO. June 30 will be for Food Bank, September 29 will be for Campus Ministry, and December 29 is yet to be assigned.

**Valley Voice articles –** 4 or more / month. We have been doing that many or more. Kay will write a Mission Committee thank you for the Patio Sale in April. Plus, other members will write articles.

**TV Presentations and Website** - Material were reviewed. No changes today.

**Mission TV Assignments** – March 17, 24, 31 for Posada Community Services by S. Ruschmeier.

To be assigned: April 7, 14, 21, 28, and May 5, 12, 19, and 26.

**Patio Sale Update** - The Patio Sale last week grossed over $79,500. Out of that will come expenses. That is the second largest amount in the sale history. Expenses may be large. One truck had to be repaired. Truckers stayed late (5:00) to deliver what had been purchased. More people are needed to stay after end of sale Saturday to help with clean up.

**No New Business**

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Christopher

Next meeting is May 14, 2019 at 8:45 a.m. in Room 1

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Brouwer, Secretary pro-tem