

Guatemala Companion Parish Committee  
January 14,2025  
Minutes

Attendees: Sandy Abrams, Laura Sibson, Terry Clatteburg, Dick Haggard, Karen West

Meeting was called to order by Sandy at 7:32 pm

1. Opening Prayer – Sandy (from Pr. Roberto)
2. Volunteer for minutes - Laura
3. Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2024 -- approved
4. Finance Report
  - a. Sandy would like for someone else to take on the finance role for the committee. b. Padre Roberto has requested the same amount as last year (\$6,000), but we will need to wait to see what our budgeted amount will be for this upcoming fiscal year. c. This upcoming year, the reports will be slightly different than in years past due to combining the groups. Sandy is inquiring about a \$2.00 charge by the accountants. d. We received checks from our IOU's, bringing the craft account up a bit.
5. CEC Meeting Report – Sandy
  - a. The committee discussed possibilities in terms of the upcoming budget. If the CEC budget (and therefore the GCPC budget), are smaller, there are some funds available that could be used as a stop gap.
6. Status of Reports for 2024.
  - a. Sandy requested the reports via emails to Padres Roberto and Fidel in December to request reports by the end of January. (See email summary previously sent by Sandy.)
7. Request for Funding from Padre Roberto for 2025. See email summary. a. As noted above, we do not yet know our budget for the upcoming year, so Sandy has conveyed to Pr. Roberto that we cannot commit an amount yet, but we are hopeful.
8. Guatemala Diocesan Committee Mtg on Zoom on February 10<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Sandy and Terry will attend. Laura would like to attend as well.
9. Meeting with Padre Fidel via Zoom
  - a. Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 for our business meeting and 7:30-9:00 for meeting with Padre Fidel.
10. Discussion of potential plans for the trip in 2025
  - a. Pr. Roberto is looking forward to a visit from us and has ideas for ways to spend our time together.
  - b. Terry observed that thus far our plans seem unformulated. How would we involve the youth other than what we've done in the past? How do we juxtapose all of this if we are doing it in a short trip? It would be beneficial to think this out more concretely. Laura raised the question of safety in Guatemala vis a vis bringing youth. Other agreed that if youth come, it would be ideal for a parent to attend as well. Terry noted the that the areas highlighted as unsafe are not the areas we'd be visiting.
  - c. Dick suggested that we seek to inform Rev. Mary of our work and about plans for a trip but not request that she attend the trip. Sandy noted that Rev. Luke expressed interest in attending.

11. Next GCPC meeting: Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7-9 pm