

Witness Commission: October 2, 2023  
7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Present: Jim Hollinger, Sandy Flanagan, Karen Ungemach, Sandy Brubaker, Naomi Kraenbring. Liz Bidgood Enders also attended.

1. We discussed our budget line by line and came up with the amounts we were going to recommend to the board.
2. With the John Pavlovitz weekend coming up, Naomi reminded us that there is a meal on Saturday that he will be sharing some thoughts and that we are invited to attend that.
3. Sandy B shared that the Nigerian meal is planned, Oct 15, and will not require any funds to cover the meal. Rebecca Dali will have a presentation afterwards. There was discussion as to whether we should collect an offering for CEPPI. It was discussed that we should bring it up to the board and ask how they felt about it.
4. Sandy B then reported that there has been no movement from the government on the request to have the family from Haiti come to the States. She had Paul join the meeting to explain there is a friend of the sister who had filled out forms for the wife and daughter and now she would like us to sign her forms saying that we would send financial support to her in Florida if the wife and daughter are allowed to come. After some discussion, it seemed that we would be uncomfortable just sending money to Florida without any control over how it is used. Paul will try to get more information and explain to her how the church feels.
5. We also discussed that Jim will be leaving the commission at the end of this year and so that means we will need a new commission member and we also could appoint a member for next year. Names were to be turned into Candace Hoover for suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ungemach, Chair of Witness