

Minutes from July 7, 2019 meeting

1. Meeting opened with a prayer.
2. Trustees -
 - a. Back flow valve: the existing valve is not up to code and will be replaced for approximately \$400.
 - b. Parsonage: Work is completed except for some electrical which is in process. The icemaker is not working. Philip will look into it.
 - c. Garden upkeep: People have signed up to work on the garden beds and some donations have been made. More volunteers to work on the gardens and/or donations are welcome.
 - d. Bathroom signage - "Restroom" signs will be put on the bathroom doors. (They will become unisex rather than men's and women's)
3. Finance – Report attached/approved
4. WON (worship, Outreach, Nurture)
 - a. The Transfer service will be August 25th at 10:00 with a potluck to follow. Saturday the 24th at 5:00 there will be a cookout with Hamburgers and Hot dogs.
 - b. 10:00 Service: Feedback for the one service was positive with one suggestion of making it earlier.
 - c. The Weaver family had a wedding at the church on July 6th.
A former student and friend of Craig will be coming here in August to be baptized.
 - d. Sanctuary: RBH fundraising is going well. Donations are always welcome.
The private bill is on hold. They are trying to establish a relationship with Durango ICE in the hope of reopening Rosa's case.
Our sanctuary movement is built around "loving your neighbor". This includes everyone, ICE and local law enforcement. We need to refrain from judgement and rumors that criminalize.
 - e. A candlelight prayer vigil will be held Friday, July 12th at 7:00 at the Cortez park near the flag poles to bring awareness to the inhumane treatment of the immigrants at the border. Craig and Ann McNeal will be among the speakers.
 - f. Anna Taft spoke about the next Tandana program which will be a "Patient follow up" program in Ecuador. Information is attached. A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$5,000 to help this project.
5. Future of the Mountain Sky Conference: Discussion was held (see attached flyer). At the next annual conference in June we will probably vote to withdraw or stay with the UMC.
6. Next church meeting will be September 8th
7. Meeting was closed with a prayer

Bernadette Tuthill, Secretary

Mancos United Methodist Church
July 7, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Bernadette Suttell
Janice Bryan
Connie Hoodell
Leonard Hoodell
Ralph & Nancy Pittman
Anna Taft & John Tsusyan
Frances Hitchcock
Marty Lordier
LEIGH MORRIS
LARRY GRIMES
Dany M. Neal
Ann McNeal
Jim Paschal
Sue Cove
Lew Burke
Jeanne Archambault
Mike & Gail Lavey

Craig Paschal
Shirley Ruth Spear

Mancos United Methodist Church
Statement of Financial Income and Expense
January through June 2019

	<u>Unclassified</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Income		
Directed Offerings	11,437.00	11,437.00
Giving to External Benevolences	140.00	140.00
Memorial Fund Donations	155.00	155.00
Regular Offerings	60,244.07	60,244.07
Sales and Usage Income	40.00	40.00
Total Income	<u>72,016.07</u>	<u>72,016.07</u>
Gross Profit	72,016.07	72,016.07
Expense		
Administrative Expense	1,615.38	1,615.38
Clergy Expense	39,190.58	39,190.58
External Benevolence	9,671.68	9,671.68
Memorial Expense	200.00	200.00
Offerings - Directed	11,887.99	11,887.99
Operations and Maintenance	5,680.57	5,680.57
Payroll Expenses	601.66	601.66
Payroll Wages-Children's Minist	1,340.00	1,340.00
Reconciliation Discrepancies WON Team	-92.35 2,807.02	-92.35 2,807.02
Total Expense	<u>72,902.53</u>	<u>72,902.53</u>
Net Income	<u>-886.46</u>	<u>-886.46</u>

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- Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world:
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Wespath assures clergy that their benefits are secure. In the future, they intend to work with all Wesleyan related churches for health and pension benefits.

What happens to UMCOR?

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What about UMWIM, GBGM, The Upper Room, and other General Boards and Agencies?

Some already work ecumenically. Others are in the process of following the example of Wespath and forming independent organizations to serve Wesleyan churches and conferences.



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Patient Follow Up Program

Through our health care program in Ecuador, The Tandana Foundation aims to improve rural community members' access to health care and support local rural health professionals in caring for the residents of their areas. Tandana's health care work has two stages: community visits by groups that include volunteers and extensive follow up after these visits.

The second phase of our health care work begins after the visits to the communities have taken place. Tandana's Patient Follow Up Coordinator and interns review the referral forms and make a plan for where each of the patients needs to go. Staff communicate with the patients and advocate for them in the public health system. It is our goal that, through this process, patients learn how to use the system on their own.

Through many appointments, first at the rural health center, then at the hospital, and sometimes at specialized hospitals in the capital city of Quito or with other organizations such as Vista Para Todos or the Lions Club, patients access the care they need. Whether they need lab tests, specialists, surgeries, or eyeglasses, our Patient Follow Up Coordinator works tirelessly to help them access the resources that are available. We work primarily with the Ministry of Health, and also with other foundations and private options when the public system does not offer what a patient needs.

Unfortunately, access to health services is very difficult for people living in rural communities for the following reasons:

1. Difficulties understanding the procedures to be followed
2. Transportation challenges
3. Communication gaps among the different levels of care
4. Difficulty scheduling appointments and long wait times
5. Cultural differences, language barriers, and racism

Our staff work with patients to navigate and overcome these challenges so that they can benefit from the services to which they are entitled as citizens of Ecuador and improve their health. Our goal is to ensure that once patients are on track and learn how to navigate the health system, from that point forward they are able to take advantage of its resources on their own.

In 2018, 276 patients received support through this program. Our total expenses for the year were \$16,417. That is an average of \$59 spent per patient, which is much less than the patients would have spent to try to access the care they needed privately. Each case is different, depending on the particular needs of the patient.

Some examples of costs are:

X-ray, transportation, and food for a patient who had an ear problem caused by a molar that had not erupted: \$47

Lab tests for a patient who had a piece of glass encrusted in her foot: \$83

Transportation and food for a patient who had cervical cancer and had to go to many treatments in Quito: \$600

Specialist visit, medicines, and glasses for a patient who had an eye infection and needed distance glasses: \$70

Two oral surgeries and medication for a dental patient: \$70. The patient covered the other 50% of the cost.

There have been many success stories:



When I was born, well my mom said my ear was always bad. My mom tried to have me cured and anything that they told her to do to cure me, she did, but she thought it was just my inheritance, and that it was just to be cured with our country remedies, and she tried to cure it with herbs, but that didn't work. When I was older, I asked myself, where, how can I be cured? It will cost so much, what I earn from my work won't be enough. When people talked to me they always had to look me right in the face. My parents and my siblings would yell at me, saying, "Listen! You're not listening. You're so deaf!" When they said that, it hurt me.

It was a year that we were in the treatment process. Lots of people told me not to have an operation because I would end up without an ear, or I would end up worse. Lots of people tried to discourage me. Thank you, my friend. I was scared when it was time to go in for surgery. When I went in, I was really afraid and I wanted to cry, but the doctor told me "Don't cry, or else we won't be able to operate." That's all I remember. Afterwards, when I woke up, I could hear. I thought there was so much noise; people were talking so loudly. I thought I was dreaming, since I hadn't opened my eyes yet. It sounded like people were speaking on a loudspeaker. I cried and the doctor told me, "Don't cry, now you don't have to cry."

I asked my brother Oswaldo, "What are you talking about? Why are you screaming?" And he answered me so loudly. I told him, "Talk softly." He said, "I am talking softly." The doctor told me this is how it will be. He showed me a picture of my ear. This is how it was; the eardrum was broken, like a spiderweb, like little cloths were hanging. When I got home, I started crying. Everything was so different. I heard all the sounds. I don't know how to thank you. For me, it was like God opened my eyes. I was so scared, but now I can hear. Thank you so much, I thank the foundation for all this help, I don't know how to thank you for coming and supporting me with this. I have made so much progress with your help. I don't have words to thank the Tandana Foundation.

--Maria Rosa Castañeda

Truly, before, I was doing really badly, and I was sad. I didn't know how to get better and I needed someone to help me. I was hopeless, and I was suffering and so was my family. Therefore, thanks to this foundation that came to my community, I took advantage of the opportunity. I told this foundation during that visit about the operation that I had had. They helped me a lot from there. Since then, I am calm and I feel better. I am going to work again. They also helped me with my anemia and I'm feeling well. Thanks to all. They also helped me with my lipoma operation. The operation turned out really well. It helped me. Virginia (*the Patient Follow Up Coordinator*) was always attentive to me and didn't leave me alone for a moment. She called me to see if I was feeling okay and she was present the whole time. I felt supported in everything, and Virginia was more present even than my family.

I feel proud of this foundation as well. The foundation also helped me with my teeth fillings. And that also made me feel better and I asked Virginia to help me with this too, because in the community we are low in economic means; we want to, but we are not able to do anything. Then came the foundation and they helped with my teeth, operation, and they gave a scholarship to my son as well. I appreciate them so much. This support makes me feel good and calm, for my children, and for other families as well. I need this foundation to keep going forward, and I hope this support can help other people in the community as well.

-- Mercedes Castañeda



I asked for help with getting a prosthesis for my son who is missing a foot, and also for help with his ears because he couldn't hear, and he was nobody. But now with the help of the Tandana Foundation, I am very wholeheartedly thankful. Here, we are Ecuadorians, but there is no one to give us this kind of help that we need.

To the liberators of my son, I am very thankful because my son could not hear, and now he hears and can understand what I say. Although he does not say the words correctly and cannot express himself because they say you must be able to hear in order to talk, now with the hearing aids he is able to improve his language and he will keep learning to better communicate with people. May God bless you.

--Luz Bravo

I am very thankful and feel much happiness; my falling tears are those of gratitude. I want to say so many thanks because we didn't have the possibility of having my son's operation to help his difficulties with his sight. However, through Virginia and Tandana we were able to make the operation happen for my son on both of his eyes.

I feel very relaxed now as a mother, my husband as well. We are grateful because it was impossible for us to (*pay for*) the operation because we do not have sufficient finances. For this reason, I give our thanks and God will give a large blessing for your help to us and the other Ecuadorian families that are beneficiaries of the foundation. Please keep supporting us because, maybe the politicians say that we have enough, but that is a lie. Maybe they are okay, but in the rural areas we, the families, are suffering a lot and we do not have any work. It is for that reason that the foundation came here. We are very thankful, and in the name of Ecuadorian families and my own name, personally, I am very thankful and send you all a big hug.

--Valentina Santacruz



Now I feel better. I can speak well without feeling weird in my face and my lips, and I can laugh. I felt that if I laughed people would see the mass I had, and now I laugh more easily. Also, to eat, it bothered me, it got in my way, but now I'm better.

--Tania Fureez