



## PROGRAM

### MEETING NOTES: May 5, 2021

**Thought for the Day:** Chuck Lamb and Steve Elefant presented thoughts for the day.



**Happy Dollars:** Patrice Jensen is happy because she is redoing her family room. Paul Wilson is happy because his youngest grandson turned 16 today. Rumor has it he is getting a Mini Cooper and a present. David Brown donated \$117 in honor of Tillie being 101 and Paul's grandson being 16 - \$117. Tillie donated \$50 in honor of her grandson, great grandson, and great granddaughter.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Birthday Celebrations: Paul Wilson 5/18, Steve Elefant 5/21, Chuck Lamb 5/28



Dan McGrath was the guest speaker. Dan is a consultant working with small-hold farmers in Africa and Asia primarily in Ghana and Bangladesh. His focus is pest management working on the eradication of the Fall Army worm that has invaded these countries since 2016. The worms attack corn crops in particular, a major crop grown in Africa. The challenge has been working on less expensive solutions to pest control. Consulting is also done in soil and irrigation management along with crop layout. Most small farmers in Africa grow crops to feed their family. These are low input farms that are rain fed and harvested by hand labor. Asian countries focus on both growing for their families as well as expanded sales. Dan has spent time in both countries and since the pandemic, has moved to working remotely. The approach is to train the trainer, working with trained scientists with access to technology. This includes interactive seminars. Those being trained are sent into the field with specific instructions, followed by a debriefing at the following session. Dan began his work as a volunteer working with small farmers and moved into full time consulting.

## CALENDAR

May 19	10:30 RRF Trustee Zoom meeting
May 19	Nancy Richardson – IRB Research Proposals: Human Subjects
May 26	Justine Le – Rise Against Hunger: The state of hunger in the world