

**METRO EAST CHAPTER OF CREDIT UNIONS
CHARITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 29, 2013**

The regular meeting of the CHARITY COMMITTEE of the METRO EAST CHAPTER OF CREDIT UNIONS was called to order by Chairperson Crystal Gracz at 3:20 p.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2013, at Bahama Breeze in Troy Michigan.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Crystal Gracz, Julie Donnellon, Ronnie Johnson, Kellee Manchik, Kathi Sitek and Paula Rose.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Heather Nelson

GUESTS PRESENT: Frank D'Angelo with March of Dimes

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Motion made by Ronnie Johnson and supported by Paula Rose to approve the minutes of June 25, 2013, meeting as revised. Motion carried.

Motion made by Julie Donnellon and supported by Kathi Sitek to approve the minutes of August 20, 2013, meeting as is. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

March of Dimes- Frank D'Angelo discussed concerns that the committee had with the walk last year and what the March of Dimes is doing to help the sponsors. He made the committee aware that the Hines Park walk is being combined with the Detroit walk, located at Wayne State Campus, which will bring in an estimated 3,500 people to the Detroit walk. His main focus is to grow in Macomb County. He is trying to get media coverage for the walks, garner support by talking to major hospitals in downtown Detroit, and plan for more family friendly activities at each event. The committee has selected to stay with March of Dimes for February, March and April.

Sponsor A Box - The committee's expected donation level with Sponsor a Box is not what has been seen in past years with Phone Home, as it is a new focus. Checks should be made payable to Metro East and mailed to:

Central Macomb Community CU
P.O. Box 2800
Mt. Clemens, MI 48046
ATTN: Crystal Gracz

NEW BUSINESS:

2014 Charities – Various charities were discussed by committee members. A motion was made by Kathi Sitek and supported by Ronnie Johnson that the following charities will be supported by Metro East Chapter of Credit Unions for 2014 with the approval of the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

February – April:	March of Dimes
May – June:	Race for the Cure
July – August:	School Supplies
September – October:	Wigs 4 Kids
November – December:	Sponsor a Box

Leads for each initiative will be determined after final approval by the executive team.

ELECTIONS:

The following elections were conducted by email with the committee. A motion was made by Julie Donnellon and supported by Paula Rose to approve the following elections. Motion carried.

Chairman: Crystal Gracz
Co-Chair: Julie Donnellon
Secretary: Kellee Manchik
PR: Paula Rose

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

It was decided that the month of January for 2014 will be left open. Historically this is a very difficult month to gain support for any cause due to timing and immediately following the holiday season. In addition, the committee will be reaching out to members of the executive members asking for support of the charity committee by each representative supplying one person to sit on this committee in 2014.

NEXT MEETING:

TBD

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Ronnie Johnson and supported by Kathi Sitek to adjourn the meeting at 5.33 p.m. Motion carried.

Crystal Gracz, Chairperson

Kellee Manchik, Secretary