

**METRO EAST CHAPTER OF CREDIT UNIONS
CHARITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2014**

The regular meeting of the CHARITY COMMITTEE of the METRO EAST CHAPTER OF CREDIT UNIONS was called to order by Chairperson Crystal Gracz at 3:14 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 2014, at Central Macomb Community Credit Union in Clinton Township Michigan.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Crystal Gracz, Julie Donnellon, Kellee Manchik, Heather Nelson (phone), Jessica Kuehls and Paula Rose

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ronnie Johnson and Kathi Sitek

GUESTS PRESENT: None

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Motion made Julie Donnellon and supported by Jessica Kuehls to approve the minutes of May 8, 2014, meeting as is. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Race for the Cure- Although the event has concluded, the question was raised by Julie Donnellon if the teams that walked from a credit union could be considered as funds donated under the chapter. This was asked due to the fact that to be a registered walking participant in this event a fee is paid. MSGCU had teams that paid the fees and walked the event. The question will be forwarded to Kathi Sitek, lead on the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

School Supply Drive- The school supply drive was a success once again this year. All donations have been distributed and each organization expressed extreme gratitude for the hard work from our committee. Participating credit unions collected a combination of supplies and cash for this campaign.

Wigs 4 Kids- During the months of September and October our committee will be making a charitable contribution for Wigs 4 Kids. This organization is based out of the Wellness Center & Salon in St. Clair Shores. This charity reaches out to Michigan children and young adults with hair loss. Wigs 4 Kids main focus is on cancer patients and similar appearance related challenges that cause hair loss. Wigs 4 Kids helps children who struggle to deal with social acceptance based on physical appearance by providing custom-fitted, age appropriate wigs at no cost. In addition to a contribution, the committee will look for an opportunity to volunteer time/adopt a child or another additional method of service.

Chapter Golf Outing- This year the Metro East Golf Outing will be held on September 8th at The Orchard Golf Course. Crystal Gracz, Chairman has explained that this annual event and its proceeds are what supports the charity committee funds from year to year and has requested that all members possible volunteer their time to help in any capacity needed. Gail Hernalsteen, Vice Chair, Executive Committee has requested email and personal cell numbers of all that will be able to work at the event. Charity committee members will notify Crystal Gracz if they are able to attend.

Planning Session- Thursday, October 23, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. at Bahama Breeze in Troy. Crystal Gracz has requested that all committee members ensure attendance for 2015 planning and nominations for 2015 committee seats.

ELECTIONS:

None to be reported.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 23, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. and Bahama Breeze in Troy. This will be the committee's 2015 Planning Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Heather Nelson and supported by Paula Rose to adjourn the meeting at 4:12 p.m. Motion carried.

Crystal Gracz, Chairperson

Kellee Manchik, Secretary