**METRO EAST CHAPTER OF CREDIT UNIONS  
CHARITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
January 20, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Charity Committee of the Metro East Chapter of Credit Unions was held at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at ABD Credit Union in Warren, Michigan.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Julie Donnellon, Michigan Schools & Government Credit Union; Paula Rose, Central Macomb Credit Union; Kathi Sitek, ABD Credit Union; and Shannon Bartlett, Christian Financial Credit Union, Brenda Molinar, Michigan Legacy Credit Union

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2016 Charities**The charities approved by the Executive Committee for 2016 are as follows:

* Arc – January/February, effort led by Paula Rose
* Race for a Cure – March/April, effort led by Kathi Sitek
* Mercy Education Project – May/June, effort led by Shannon Bartlett
* School Supplies Drive – July, benefitting Department of Health & Human Services
* Wigs 4 Kids – August/September
* Operation: Sponsor A Box – October/November
* Friends of Foster Care – December, holiday luncheon donations

In addition, we will have 1 “wild card” charity that credit unions will vote to decide on.

**New Membership**  
Julie has reached out to Advia Credit Union. Deirdre from executive committee has someone in mind to join the committee.   
Brenda Molinar is here from Michigan Legacy Credit Union. She will be joining with the Charity Committee. Welcome, Brenda!

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Budget**  
The Executive Committee has given us a budget of $15,000. It will be divided as follows:

* $3,200 for Race for the Cure ($2,500 Table Sponsorship, $700 for giveaways)
* $2,000 for each Charity (Arc, Mercy Education Project, School Supplies, Wigs 4 Kids, Operation: Sponsor A Box)
* $1,180 for the “wild card” charity

**Wild Card Charity** – how will we choose a charity?  
We want to incorporate a social media contest, voting at the golf outing, and Bingo Night (Wednesday, March 16 at The Mirage) since more employees will be there, not just executives.

At Bingo Night, we will have 2 slips on each table: 1 for employees to nominate their favorite charity, and 1 to sign up to get involved in the Charity Committee. The charity nomination slips should collect the name of the charity and the name and contact information of the person nominating so we can follow up to see about the story behind the charity. Kathi Sitek will bring the slips and buckets/baskets as needed to handle collecting them. Charity Committee members will walk around to each table to discuss with those in attendance.

**Race for the Cure**  
The Race for the Cure is on May 21st, 2016 at Shane Park in Detroit. Kathi Sitek is working with the Race for the Cure committee to get pink ribbons to use for anyone who donates in branches.  
The Race Committee put out a 25th Anniversary booklet to businesses who support the race. Kathi was featured with a photo and quote, and Metro East was mentioned.

**Arc**  
Collections are underway for Arc. Paula Rose will schedule a donation day for us to go and drop off the check. The big check was left at Wigs 4 Kids, Shannon Bartlett will pick it up from them before the Arc drop off.   
Julie is on vacation March 16-23rd, Paula will schedule something after she gets back.

**Mercy Education Project**Shannon will see if someone from MEP’s Development can come and present at our next meeting. They have the following volunteer opportunities coming up:

- Annual Doorway to the Future Dinner, April 14th at Ford Motor Company Conference Center  
- Annual Side-by-Side Golf Outing, July 18th at Walnut Creek in South Lyon  
- Girls Tutors, weekly throughout the school year, 1 night per work at 4:30 or 5:30, tutor in reading or math  
- Women’s Tutors, weekly throughout the school year during the morning

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Charity Committee meeting will be Monday, February 29th, 2016 at Central Macomb Community Credit Union. Park on the side and either ring the back doorbell or come through the front lobby. Address is 37570 S. Gratiot Ave, Clinton Township, MI 48036.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 4:13 pm.