

**METRO EAST CHAPTER OF CREDIT UNIONS  
CHARITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
January 8, 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 9:16 a.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, at Central Macomb Community Credit Union.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Crystal Gracz, Julie Donnellon, Gail Hernalsteen, Jessica Johnson, Ronnie Johnson, Heather Nelson and Kathi Sitek.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:** None

**GUEST PRESENT:** None

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion made by Gail Hernalsteen and supported by Heather Nelson to approve the minutes of October 25, 2012, meeting as is. Motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Executive Committee approved the proposed 2013 charities. A budget of \$13,000 was awarded. Also, Becky Reini and Mandy Lathrop are no longer on the committee.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Phone Home for the Holidays** – Collections for Phone Home concluded. Questions re: how technology has impacted the need to provide calling cards to the military was raised to Crystal Gracz. The committee had a short discuss and, while everyone agrees that soldier support is important and should continue, Crystal Gracz will reach out to her contact to confirm if Phone Home is the best use of these donations.

The committee was invited to a reception at the Detroit Arsenal on Thursday, January 24. Interested members should contact Crystal Gracz.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Budget Surplus** – A surplus of more than \$1,600 remains in the committee's budget. A motion to award this surplus to Turning Point was made by Kathi Sitek and supported by Ronnie Johnson. Motion carried.

**Macomb Literacy Partners** – Collections have started for Macomb Literacy Partners. Funds collected will be used to negotiate a sponsorship of the organization's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Run to Read race event at Stony Creek Metropark in Shelby Township, on Saturday, June 8, 2013. Julie Donnellon will gather event information.

**March of Dimes** – The committee may potentially have to find a new DJ for the Metro Beach walk. Also, Ronnie Johnson and Kathi Sitek will serve as co-chairs for this initiative and will coordinate the activities relating to the Detroit walk. They will be provided bags and hand outs and will coordinate the packing. Heather Nelson will also coordinate events for the Port Huron walk with a \$400 budget and is awaiting the walk's theme.

The March of Dime's breakfast is approaching. Ronnie Johnson will forward the information to the committee.

**Race for the Cure** – The Executive Committee has approved to secure a booth at the event. The donations collected for the event will be used to fund its \$2,500 cost. Crystal Gracz will seek out an advance from the Executive Committee in order to secure the booth.

**World Medical Relief** – Ronnie Johnson will coordinate a date and time for her World Medical Relief contact to attend a committee meeting.

**ELECTIONS:**None to be reported.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 19, 2013, at 9 a.m. at Motor City Co-Op Credit Union.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Ronnie Johnson and supported by Jessica Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Motion carried.

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Crystal Gracz, Chairperson

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Julie Donnellon, Interim Secretary