

**METRO EAST CHAPTER OF CREDIT UNIONS
CHARITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 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 9:21 a.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2013, at Detroit Metropolitan Credit Union.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: None.

GUESTS PRESENT: None

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Corrections to the June 25, 2013, minutes need to be made. Approval will take place at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

School Supply Drive –The school supply drive was once again a success. All donations have been distributed and each organization expressed extreme gratitude for the committee’s hard work. While we did not raise more than \$2,500 in monetary donations, it is estimated to this amount was easily collected in schools supplies.

A few remaining cash donations may be collected before the end of the month. These donations should be made out to the Metro East Chapter and mailed to:

Julie Donnellon
Marketing
Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union
4555 Investment Drive
Troy, MI 48098

Race for a Cure – Our involvement with the Race for the Cure was very positive overall. Participants appreciated our involvement and the handouts went quickly. It was a wonderful day and our placement at the event was perfect for great exposure.

Overall, \$2,500 in donations was collected, not including sponsorship costs.

World Medical Relief – The brochure for World Medical Relief has been designed and donated printing has been secured. It is estimated that the organization will receive the brochure before the end of August. The committee will also participate in blanket drives during the November- December timeframe. Ronnie Johnson will determine is new or used blankets could be donated.

Operation Care Package –Questions regarding Phone Home’s relevance with today’s advanced technology resulted in the committee looking deeper into where our efforts would be most beneficial. Crystal Gracz discovered a local organization that supplies Care Packages to soldiers that are deployed. The organization is completely run by volunteers who use their own money or donations to rent packing space, collect supplies, and ship care packages across the world.

Crystal Gracz shared with the committee a flyer and care package request slips. This organization will allow credit union members to request care packages for their family members serving overseas. The organization will pack request slips first.

ELECTIONS:

None to be reported.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 29, 2013, at 3 p.m. at Bahama Breeze in Troy. This will be the committee's 2014 Planning Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Ronnie Johnson and supported by Kathi Sitek to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried.

Crystal Gracz, Chairperson

Julie Donnellon, Interim Secretary