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Thank you/ update from "The Butlers" in Iowa- Donna read and shared the articles sent to the committee by Nancy Marsh.

● **"Project 2010" Sunday Jan. 24 10am-2pm**

- ❖ Introduction letter was handed out & Prospective Organizations were discussed and new ones added to the list. Each member signed up to be a contact person for all the organizations discussed. Each person was asked to contact their organization and get back to the group next meeting. There was much discussion on how we can get children and young adults involved.

● **Update on volunteer activities**

- ❖ **Cleveland Food Bank** next date 11/21/09 7:30am-12:30 Looking for people interested in both these organizations as it's a busy weekend and close to a holiday.
- ❖ **Brooklyn next dinner** 11/22/09 doing Shredded Beef, Potato Salad, Baked Beans
 - Needed help for Food Prep 4pm-6pm Friday 11/20/09 Dianne Urdzik and Lynn Spencer offered to help on Friday with food preparation.
- ❖ **Knitting Ministry** 1st & 3rd Tues. Oct- Mar 7-8pm, still working on baby items. There was a good turn out at the last one, like 6 people.

● **Budget Overview Current Balance \$3,824.38**

- ❖ **Brooklyn Memorial** 9/20/09 our cost \$ 178.62
- ❖ **Werner United Methodist Church**- A decision was made to add them to the 2010 Project and have Lisa Drew contact them for possible volunteer activities for kids. Also, we are donating \$500.00 to assist them with the concert so they may get funds needed for new building. We will take a look at them again for our Christmas offering.
- ❖ **Previous Christmas Donations** – \$500 Yuletide Program, \$500 Toy Sale, \$500 Christian Childrens Home and \$1000 Berea Childrens Home
- ❖ At this time we decided to donate \$500.00 to Brooklyn Memorial Church for their

toy sale. It was discussed to talk with Linda Coatham about whether participants will be walk ins or transported from other areas. Also we discussed before shopping, about the gender and age of children.

Other Request: Lynn Spencer mentioned relief for those in the Phillipines and American Samoa who were recently heavily damaged in the Tsunami. We decided to donate \$1,000.00 to UMCOR.

The other donations we will revisit in November.

Old Business:

Costa Rica Jan. 1-10 Update: Ian mentioned 10 people were going in January to help in Costa Rica and there were more going in July. There are 3 meetings coming up .First meeting is a fundraiser as they went a little over budget. There is a speaker coming from COSTA RICA to answer questions. Those going in January are: Chris and Karen Oehl, Katie Bartholomew, Ian and Stephanie Roberts, Arnau(Ian's cousin), Bruce McCrodden, Melissa AuWerter, Jenny Scheufler, and Lisa Drew.

Sunday School Mission Project: Jenny Gee said they are collecting pennies through the next unit. What the kids collect will be matched by Missions. It is for a program that will help with tutoring and books for kids in Cleveland.

New Business:

1. Catherine will be putting an article in the October Good Word about the **“Holiday Food Collection.”**
2. Robin Wilson will contact the **Brecksville Yuletide** about adopting a family or person from a family for Christmas. We will also be working with Marge Webb and the **Westside Center** and several “adopted” families. There was discussion on how to do this. We’ll know more after we talk to Marge.
3. **Christmas Offerings-**We decided the theme would be “Churches” from the branch of the Bishop’s 3 C initiative. This would mean we would have the Werner Church as our local donation and we would look further into our National and international for the next meeting.

Next Meeting: November 4, 2009.