

Missions Minutes November 4, 2009

Attendees: Jenny Gee, Stephanie & Ian Roberts, Dianne Urdzik, Donna Sibits, Janet Kleckner, Alan Scheufler, Melissa Auwerter, Catherine Vastartis, Lisa Drew.

Project 2010: We voted to change the time to 9:30AM-1:30PM since church lets out at 9:45AM and volunteer groups need to set up. Everyone reported on their contacts and most had interest in attending the event. We discussed knowing age limitations again so that there were volunteer opportunities for children as well as adults. We also discussed getting a synopsis from each organization and putting together a booklet for the congregation to view beforehand so as to have an idea about the organizations. Also discussed using youth to help in assisting volunteer groups carry in their information from their vehicle to the fellowship hall on January 24, 2010.

Next Cleveland Food Bank date is: 11/21/09. Sign up sheets were passed out and Jenny Gee offered to help get people to sign up on Sunday, November 8.

Brooklyn Memorial Church: Next dinner 11/22/09. We are doing shredded beef potato salad and baked beans. We need help with serving the dinner and food prep, 4-6PM Friday 11/20/09. Sign up to help on Sunday, November 8.

Old Business: Ian and Stephanie talked about the upcoming **Costa Rica** trip. They have 2 fundraisers going. One is with M & M's and after eating the candy, people fill up the containers with coins and return to church. The second is Breakfast without Santa on December 13th, 2009. It's an American breakfast with Costa Rican flavor buffet. \$10 a person or \$25 a family. Also, Ian is on the general board of Global Ministries. He will train leaders for upcoming mission trips---what is needed to improve and etc...

Sunday School Mission Project: They are collecting hats, scarves, coats etc.. and would like to see if they can donate them to Brookside. Also, they are collecting pennies until November 22, for hunger, which Missions will match.

New Business: Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries needs help on Saturday, November 14th, 2009, knocking down their old fence at one of their shelters and replacing it. Tim Briscoe, President of Harp Mission, telephone number is 440-725-1351, for anyone who'd like to help.

Brecksville Yuletide & Westside Center: For Yuletide we have 1 family with 5 children. We decided to buy gift cards and certificates for the parents. Marge Webb has 11 families with Westside, but we only give the kids wrapped gifts and nothing to parents. Discussion on whether some parishioners would want one family member or a whole family. We decided to do it just like last year. Deadline is December 6, 2009 with gifts brought to fellowship hall stage. Sign up on Sunday, November 8.

Toy Sale at Brooklyn Memorial Toy Sale: Pastor Karen will be shopping for toys and would like help. Toy sale set up is Fri. Dec 11, 6:30-7:30 PM. The toy sale is Sat. Dec. 12, 9:30AM- 12:00 PM. They will also take gently used toys. We may have to take wrapping paper. Catherine will check on that. Need to take cookies and hot chocolate.

Christmas Offerings: Bishops 3 C's Our theme is "**Churches**"- We decided our **local** donation would be to the **Werner United Methodist Church**—for their building fund. Our **International** would be for the **Liberia Mission**.

Dianne Urdzik was checking into a National church organization.

Budget Overview: Balance \$2,324.38.

Lisa Drew: Lisa talked about the Rockathon on Friday, November 20, 2009. She is thinking of donating the money from the Rockathon to the Costa Rica trip in January.

Next Meeting: December 2, 2009 at 7PM.