

## Missions Minutes

**Attendees:** Cathy and Les Buttolph; Melissa; Alan; Janet; Donna; Catherine; Dianne; and Dave;

Cathy reported that for **Project 2010:**

1. There are 53 pledges so far
2. 1,346 hours pledged
3. 376 ½ hours worked
4. 24 different organizations people have volunteered at
5. There have been 65 volunteers

**Cornerstone of Hope-** We had to cancel the last gathering because people were either out of town or busy, so we are trying to set up a new tour of the facility on either Tuesday, June 22 or June 29 at 4:00PM. Anyone interested is invited to participate. We'll let you know the date after we finalize it.

**Cleveland Foodbank:** In March we had 15 people who participated, many of them first timers, and as always the group really enjoyed helping out. May 22, 2010 is the next date we help out at the Foodbank. We have almost a full group going. Room for only about 2 more. We have also set all our dates for 2011 and will get them in the Good Word.

**Metroparks Mustard Pull:** It rained quite heavily. 17 people volunteered to pull the plants for 1 hour.

**Knitting Circle:** They have several blankets finished and ready to go to one of the following places: Hillcrest Hospital, Kylie Long Foundation or Providence House. The group will decide which facility to send them to.

**Ronald McDonald House:** In March, a group of 11 volunteers made and served a meal to parents and family members of ill children. It was very well received and many of the volunteers said they would like to do it again. A barbecue was suggested; and so on July 11, 2010, 10 volunteers will have a barbecue with families and children at Ronald McDonald House. We will get the food and do the barbecuing. If you are interested in helping, please call Catherine Vastartis or Donna Sibits.

**Missions Budget:** Balance is \$10,037.46. Catherine got a gift card from Target and sent it to Wilderness North.

Catherine and Donna discussed their new role in Missions, no longer as leaders, but keeping their projects going, if okay with the new leaders.

**Requests:** Karen forwarded a letter to Catherine and Donna from Brenda and Don Scheller who are missionaries in the Philippines. They asked for some financial assistance in the future.

Les discussed an organization in Cuyahoga County called Solutions at Work. This is a group of people who are developmentally disabled and do many kinds of jobs such as maintenance work, logos on shirts, carpet cleaning, handcraft greeting cards, and many other things. These folks have done an excellent job, and it helps build their self-esteem. We discussed it as a possible Mission opportunity.

Lastly, Janet had a pre-request for 2 families her daughter is working with, from Africa, who have re-settled in the Cleveland area. There are 7 children in a domestic violence case, who are temporarily in protected custody. There is a financial need for this family as Dad is deceased and Mom is hospitalized from abuse.