

MISSIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 8, 2008

1. **Welcome and thank you for coming.**

Members present: Jan Watson, Kathy Giannini, Pat O'Brien, Russ Snyder, George Cook, Marie Cost, Jeff Clinger, Jean Stricklin

2. **Old Business: Financial Update**

As of March 31, balances were as follows:

Environmental \$833.68

National \$2874,83

Local \$4,732.73

International – not completed, but approximately \$2,313.89

3. **Team Reports**

Local –Last month the committee hosted Tim Cottingham from GHCS, Beth Delahunty from SSC, and Melissa Watt from Capes at WWE sessions on April 2nd. They held a Missions Moment at all services on March 30th. The second set of five Project Welcome Home cleaning buckets have been delivered to State Street Center clients, and that should be enough for April. Delivered carload of donate clothing to SSC and Capes . Delivered to SSC several grocery sack of women's personal hygiene items which the Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study members donated.

Future events include soliciting newer TV sets which have a connection for children at Capes House to use for PlayStations and DVD players. This will help them use their free time more constructively. Also, the committee plans a "Help a Homeless Veteran" (maybe) on 4th of July, the Capes House collection of school supplies for homeless children during VBS, either July 20 or 27th. The possibility of a "cooling room" at Capes House because the wiring there won't support window air conditioners in each unit.

As always, SSC lunch program need volunteers, especially in May.

National- Eight members of RUMC have just returned from the 3rd Hurricane Katrina recovery mission trip to Slidell, LA. they worked on two different homes. By the end of summer the work load will be shifted to only 5% being concentrated on the north shore and 95% on the south shore. Next year's trip will likely be working in New Orleans. Much progress has been made in the past year.

We presented a check for \$750 toward the new playground, which will be built next weekend. There will be a more detailed report in the near future, with pictures and possibly a video presentation.

Plans for the Mexican dinner will be finalized next Tuesday.

International –George Cook reported that donations for the Wertzes are now being accepted.

Environmental –

- a. The committee has purchased 300 recyclable nylon bags to be sold in conjunction with Earth Day, at the rummage sale, and possibly other events over the summer.
- b. The committee had contacted the Munster Parks and Recreation for a suggested location to collect trash and other debris. Centennial Park along the railroad tracks was the chosen area. They would like to have a youth component and schedule it near Earth Day. There were some conflicts with other youth program which would need to be resolved.

New Business

The Rummage Sale on April 26 needs volunteers and items to be donated. Leftover items will be taken to State Street or the Salvation Army will collect them.

The Mexican Dinner plans are moving along...will be finalized Tuesday at their regular meeting.

The flower sale is in planning stage. There will be more information about this later.

In response from the Northern Indiana Conference, the committee decided to donate \$250 to African University to help sponsor a student.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully,

Jean Stricklin