

MISSIONS MINUTES

March 11th, 2008

1. Welcome & thank you for coming
Members Present: Jeff Clinger, George Cook, Marie Cost, Sue Morris, Pat O'Brien, Russ Snyder.

2. Old Business

- 1.) Financial Updates

Does NOT include 2007 Carryover money – I am going to transfer our agreed-upon totals from 2007 undesignated into the individual accounts so it's easier to know exactly what each account has. Will complete before next meeting.

Undesignated: \$6846.77

Local: \$3370.53

National: \$1619.83

International: \$1163.19

Environmental: -\$26.32

3. Team Reports

- 1.) Local

Past Month:

1. Posters are now up for "Project Welcome Home", a bucket full of basic home and cleaning products for State Street Center clients moving into an apartment. The first five were delivered last week; four already have been given out to clients. More are in the works. The cleaning kits cost about \$15 each.

Coming Next Month:

2. State Street Center lunch program needs volunteers! No one has signed up for more than a month.

3. Timothy Cottingham, Director of Greater Hammond Community Services, will be the speaker at WWE on April 2nd.
 4. The Tuesday Ladies bible study is doing a collection of women's personal hygiene products for State Street Center next week.
 5. Russ Snyder's recycling document has been submitted. It will be run in the May newsletter so that we can run the information about the Wertzes in April.
- 2.) National
- Saturday Morning 3/29 team departs for Slidell, LA. 8 people traveling.
 - Team has added three new people, but were not able to meet this month.
 - Continue to seek out opportunities and prioritize how to connect people in with them.
- 3.) International
- 3 people traveling to Haiti in May w/ First UMC team; Mike Anderson, Jan Watson, Sue Cook.
 - Offering \$250 scholarship to all attending.
 - List of needs for the Wertzes will go in the April 1st Newsletter. George will look at how early we can begin to deliver things to the drop site in Naperville and whether or not there will be a drop site in Lansing.
 - Rummage Sale April 26th
- 4.) Environmental
- Update on recycling information will go in May 1st Newsletter.
 - Team continues to be in a period of transition to Sue's leadership. New members have joined the team in 2008.
 - Currently looking for something to tie in with Earth Day in April.

- Will be involved with Chicago's Green Festival in May.
- Are looking to start and finish the Prayer Garden this year. Currently discerning whether or not the Eagle Scout project is the best route to take.
- Still working with Trustees to set up an energy audit.
- Will work with the Town of Munster in July to partner as the "Blues and Jazz Fest goes green."
- August – shoe recycling
- September – Beach clean-up
- October – St. Francis Blessing of the Animals

4. New Business

- 1.) None

PROPOSED 2008

March: Lenten Appeal (Ash Wed is Feb 6th, Easter is March 23rd) (all groups)
Youth Mission Stock Sale
Product Collection for State Street Center (local)

April: Gulf Coast work team (national)
Rummage Sale (April 26th)

May: Flower sale (all month)
Haiti Trip (national)
Material Collection for Wertzes (international)

June: Middle School Mission Week – 16th – 20th (youth)

July: Senior High Mission Trip – 19th – 27th (youth)
Veteran Collection for State Street Center (local)

August: School Supply Collection (local)
Shoe recycling (environmental)

September: Beach Clean Up (environmental)

October: Operation Christmas Child (local/international)
St. Francis Blessing of the Animals (environmental)

November: Pack-a-sack (local)

December: Salvation Army Bell Ringing & Angel Tree (local)

January:

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