

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES
January 15, 2008

Welcome and thank you for coming.

Members present: Jeff Clinger, Kathy Giannini, Pat O'Brien, Larry Temple, Russ Snyder, Jean Stricklin, George Cook. Joined later by Sue Cook

Old Business-Financial Update.

Kathi Giannini reported on the Mission Offering during Advent. There is about \$1200 in undesignated funds. She wanted to check final figures against the December General Ledger report.

Team Reports

Local - Soup kitchen is going great; Souper Bowl of Caring is coming soon. Greater Hammond Community Services's director was given funds to purchase transit passes and gift cards from WalMart and Strack & Van Til for residents.

National - A Mexican Dinner is planned as a fundraiser on June 20. \$25 donation for meal and speakers was suggested.

International – The Wertzes are going to be present @ WWE on 1/16. Members of Ridge still have an opportunity to travel to Haiti with a team from Hammond First UMC. Sue shared a calendar that Hope Orphanage has made as a fundraiser.

Environmental – Russ Snyder reported that additional baskets needed to be added to our recycling center. He continues to work with various community and government agencies on recycling issues.

New Business

Lenten Offering - Draft of offering letter presented to members, along with a suggested list of giving areas for consideration.

New Dates for Newsletter Items

At staff meeting, it was decided that the newsletter would be mailed monthly beginning in March. The deadline for submission of items is February 15 for the March newsletter and subsequent months thereafter. Items for Jean to submit for newsletter should be sent to her by 10th of month.