



Hiawatha Y Service Club



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Thoughts:

We just concluded another Christmas Tree Sales project which takes time, takes energy plus we get cold being on the lot and tying the trees on the vehicles. Why should we do this? Jesus gave us a good reason when teaching about the kingdom. *“Whenever you did one of these things to some overlooked or ignored, that was me - - you did it to me.”* Matthew 25: 40 (Message Bible). Scholarships are one of those ‘things’. Serving our brother and sister is a privilege given by God.

Coming Meeting: 6:00 PM on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at Hiawatha Y:

We will have a power point presentation on the Minneapolis and Saint Paul staff providing programming at two communities in the Sioux Indian Reservations in South Dakota. The presenter will be Ben Theisen who does a good job of presenting. **Marty, Dave, Julie, Dan, Janice and Arlo** all had a preview of this presentation.

Norm Anderson will be providing the food for the evening.

Last Meeting: November 17, 2009:

Our speaker was Kerry! Givens who is the Executive Director of our South Minneapolis YMCA (Blaisdell and Hiawatha). He talked about the many things going on in the Y and especially told us that our funds are used for scholarships. He set the pace for the Christmas Tree sales which went into full swing within a few days later. Kerry! has had the Executive position since February and stated he has learned a lot about the YMCA and all the programs involved and is enjoying it. He stated he appreciates the work of the club as a volunteer organization and the gift to the Y Partners program. He will be with us again in March.

We also did some last minute planning for the tree operation. As usual on the last meeting before the lot opens, we wrote out the tree tags. **Orville** lead the devotional and **Julie** and **Dan** served the meal. Those attending were: **Dan, Julie, Earl, Norm, Tom D., Jerry, Del, Lee J., Bruce, Dick** and Betty, **Bob K., Jim, Orville, Bob N., Arlo, Janice, Dave, Ron, Mike,** and **Marty.**

Christmas Tree Lot:

We had 450 trees to start our tree sales and ended up with nine but one then went to a family with four children (13 and younger) who could not afford a tree. The income is about \$23,135.65 and expenses are about \$13,700 plus the wreath expenses but the final figures are not available yet. There were no bad checks. Thanks to all who worked in so many different ways to make the sales a success. We had eighteen people or groups who helped at least once with the sales. These were primarily Y staff, Y board members and relatives.

This year there were six Y Service Club tree lots in the metro area of Minneapolis and Saint Paul. All of our lots were listed on the Metro Minneapolis and Saint Paul YMCA website. We also had an ad in the Southside Pride editions of Nokomis and Riverside.

The Southdale Y’s Men’s Club had 80 trees left on Tuesday, 22nd, and left them setting against the building with a message to pay \$20.00 at the YMCA desk. They sold an additional 25 mostly on Christmas Eve Day, 24th!

To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right.

