

Minutes of the RCRV Board of Directors Meeting 10/17/2007
These minutes were approved at the RCRV Annual Meeting in November, 2007.

Board chairman Jim Green determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM.

Twenty-two members and two guests signed the attendance list.

Tom Brennom moved approval of the minutes as published on the web site, seconded by John McDonough. The motion was approved.

Program: Heritage Area on Aging Linn County Task Force

Ron Rath, past chairman and current member of the Heritage Agency advisory board presented the program.

Heritage Agency on Aging is administered by Kirkwood in this area. The mission of the agency is to obtain and administer federal grants for the benefit of elderly people. One example of this activity is the operation of meals on wheels. A second example is transportation for shopping, doctor appointments, and other necessary errands (through RSVP project in Jones County.)

Case management new big area, funded to hire five people (7 counties) to assist people staying in own homes rather than nursing homes. There appears to be a trend toward more home-delivered meals and fewer community meals. That may imply that the elderly population is becoming more homebound, perhaps because the average age of that community is increasing.

The Linn County Task Force has been formed to examine funded programs for the elderly, to monitor both state and federal legislation, and to advocate for favorable programs. Each county in the seven-county Heritage area has a separate Task Force. Individuals who are active in RCRV are welcome to participate in the Linn County Task Force to help support and lead their activities.

Committee Reports

Community Projects, John McDonough:

- We again provided help to GWAEA, the REACT Center, Tree's Forever, Aging Services, SHIIP, TRIAD, Collins Museum, and Options of Linn Co, as well as to New Horizons.
- We now have four signs that RSVP provided us with that state that the effort being done at that site by RCRV. Signs are very attractive. Thank you RSVP.
- We have been trying for weeks to get an audience with Rockwell Collins Insurance folks. It now looks like we will meet with them on Thurs or Fri of this week. Hopefully we get enough info to have our Oct 29 scheduled meetings. Pete and I will meet with them. We will then train the remaining SHIIP Counselors in the area.
- Several volunteers have been putting in lots of hours at the Eastern Iowa Observatory and Learning Center. They now have their Occupancy permit. They are now working on displays that will go internal to the center.
- Mike Wilson and Art Roderick have been teaching residents of Meth-Wick computer skills so that they can converse with their families via email as well as transfer photos to them.
- We built a ramp this past period for a Rockwell Collins retiree.
- Joe Wells now has completed the first part of SHIIP training. He will be working Tuesdays PM at St Lukes.
- If you have any family members that have Medicare, now is a good time to review their Part D plan. In 2008, no plan will offer Brand name drugs in the Gap. The gap is from \$2510 (your costs plus plans costs) thru \$4,050 (your total out of pocket costs not including premiums). There are a total of 85 different plans that a person could sign up for including both the advantage plans as well as the Part D plans. You can't sign up for a new plan until Nov 15, 2007, but at least you could get the front-end efforts done.

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- We had a request from Iowa Vocation Rehab for help for a paraplegic student at Kirkwood that needs a means of stopping, starting, and listening to a Dictaphone so that the student can transcribe doctor's medical reports for them. The student can't use her foot to do this. John Wauer will look for a possible solution.
- The Governor's Award Ceremonies will be held Monday at 10:30 at Linn-Mar High School. The Governor's wife will be here instead of the Governor. Nine RCRV members will be getting awards this year. Four RCRV members will help. They are Chuck Wehage, Don Grimm, Jack Murphy, Bill Ellis, and Jim Green (he doesn't know it yet!) As Grimm is on a tour of the Western US and Canada, I need another person to volunteer in his place. We will be ushers, and parking lot attendants.
- If you can dream it, we can do it.

Communications, Rod Thorpe:

The October *Volunteer* newsletter is in the mail and will be delivered to most Cedar Rapids residents today. Medical Insurance Briefing meetings are announced, along with the Governor's Volunteer Awards ceremony. Notice of the Annual meeting in November was also posted.

Data Base, Jim Klein:

Two mailing lists were generated this month: One was for the United Way of Eastern Iowa and the second was for the October RCRV newsletter.

Recruiting and Retention, Pete Jurgens:

Current active enrolment in RCRV is 164 members.

September hours reported by RSVP are as follows:

• REACT	406
• Admin and Leadership	425
• Assistive Technology	39
• Construction and design	133
• Education	133
• Elderly Services	98
• Misc. non-profit	349
• WRAP	61
• Total	1644

Pete reminded the group of the Heritage/RCRV medical insurance briefings scheduled for October 29, November 5, 7, and 12.

Rockwell Collins, Jenny Becker:

Cheri Kampman will be on maternity leave beginning October 22.

The Rockwell charitable corporation board meeting is October 22.

The K-12 opportunities data base development is continuing, in cooperation with Renee Litfin at United Way.

Agency Reports

Aging Services, Carol Luth:

Bob Ocken's work with the Aging Services data base has been valuable to Aging Services.

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Correctional Services, Heidi Soethout:

The following have been working with Correctional Services and have been or will be contacting RCRV for various needs:

- Julie Rochford, VISTA member
- Heidi Shuats, Americorp recruiter
- Silje Lynne, graduate intern

Four Oaks Bridge, Carol Kalous:

No report.

Grant Wood AEA, Ann Griffin:

No report.

Heart of Iowa, Myrna Loehrlein:

Myrna Retired from Heat of Iowa. The RCRV nominating committee will consider nominating a replacement for the RCRV board of directors for next year. Working contact arrangements with Heart of Iowa will be determined when organizational changes there have been finalized.

Heritage Agency on Aging, Linda Dearing:

We have set up presentation dates at KTOS on Nov. 5, 7, and 12 for Rockwell retirees. We also are available after Pete Jurgens trains the SHIIP volunteers to do individual counseling for retirees. Heritage is taking the reservations for the presentations.

Hospice of Mercy, Sara Case:

No Report.

Jane Boy Community House, Karl Cassell:

No report.

New Horizons, Mark Beason:

No report.

Options of Linn County, Wayne Clayton:

We have several things going on this month that have an RCRV connection.

Oct 3 was the Assistive Tech Expo at KTOS. Two RCRV members joined me at a display table sharing RCRV devices used by Options and Grant Wood AEA. KWVL-TV also did a brief segment with Cliff Koop.

Oct 16 Judy Monk and I taught a class at Kirkwood, focusing on assistive technology for people with disabilities. We included a number of RCRV devices in that presentation.

Oct 18 is the Options Open House. It will be 6:30-8:30p.m. at 1019 7th St SE. Everyone is welcome to attend and we will give tours of the facility and include examples of RCRV assistive tech that we use.

Thanks again for all you do.

REACT, Barb Klawiter:

The beginners' computer class is currently in session, taught by Don Wickenkamp. The class has been very well received by the participants.

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Red Cross, Joan Schaffer:

No report.

RSVP, Barbara Hoffman:

No report.

WRAP, Heidi:

Grant opportunities are being pursued, with results from two or three to become known in the next two or three weeks.

The executive committee is meeting monthly. Everything is going well, with no news this time.

St. Luke's Hospital, Denise Walker:

No report.

United Way, Mary Klinger:

The October *Volunteer* newsletter featured a report on Mary Klinger's United Way presentation at the September board meeting. Thanks to RCRV for supporting the campaign with the membership data base for mailing purposes. In response to a question: Rockwell retirees who contribute to United Way will be tracked and credited as RCRV-affiliated by automatically matching contributor names with the RCRV data base.

The next couple of months are the time of year that intensive fundraising efforts take place.

Old Business

The RCRV Charitable Gifting Steering Committee will meet with Mary Klinger immediately following this meeting to discuss aspects of a policy to allocate RCRV cash contributions to nonprofit agencies. The steering committee expects to complete a policy document in January of 2008.

New Business

Vern Jackson, Rod Thorpe have been appointed to lead a nominating committee for 2008 RCRV officers. Anyone who is interested in serving as an officer or serving on the nominating committee is urged to contact Vern or Rod. The nominating committee is hoping to introduce "new blood" into the board.

Barb Klawiter urged that the RCRV Web calendar needs improvements, particularly to announce meeting times for regular meetings and for Board of Director meetings. (Secretary note: suggested changes were made to the web page the same afternoon as this meeting.)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.

The RCRV Annual Meeting is November 14, 2007 at the Red Cross building.

The next Board meeting is January 16, 2008 at the Red Cross building.

Submitted by Don Grimm, Secretary.