

Minutes of the RCRV Board of Directors Meeting 1/19/2005

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:37 PM.

Board members and guests introduced themselves by name and organizational affiliation. Twenty-five members signed the attendance list.

It was moved by Keith Sutherland, and seconded by John McDonough, that minutes for both October 04 and for the Annual Meeting Nov 04 be approved. Motion carried.

Announcements

Chairman Chuck Wehage announced a planned meeting with Rockwell Collins CEO Clay Jones and his direct reports at 7:30 A.M. February 7, 2005. Jenny Becker believes that as many as 10 company representatives plan to attend. RCRV will be represented by the officers and some of the committee chairmen of the Board of Directors. The meeting is primarily to inform company management of RCRV accomplishments, activities, and plans.

Highlighted Agency of the Month Presentation

Jim Nagle from Options of Linn County presented a 15-minute program describing the mission of Options, the facilities employed, the methods of operation, and some of the successes of the programs. Highlights of the presentation were:

- Organized in 1966. Sponsored by Linn County.
- Serves about 320 individuals, about 200 on site.
- Three modes of service:
 - Community employment
 - Facility Services offered at the Options site
 - Enclaves.

Committee Reports:

Community Projects:

Chairman John McDonough displayed the most recent Certificate of Appreciation recognizing RCRV accomplishments. This award was given by the Nurses Aide Training Program of Kirkwood Community College in recognition of restoration work done on hospital beds and medical equipment by Don Grimm and Les Haerther.

For the year, 12,214 volunteer hours have been reported, surpassing a goal of 10,000 hours. The Community Projects team plans to pledge 15,000 hours for next year. Jenny Becker suggested that many retiree hours in the K-12 are not being counted. Others in the meeting suggested additional areas with uncounted hours of service

A number of wheel chair ramps have been built and more are planned. The most recent completion was a ramp for a home in SW Cedar Rapids. Design is complete for a ramp in Swisher, and two are in process.

RCRV received an award from the Kirkwood Nurses Aide training program for repairs to hospital beds and other equipment used in that program. Don Grimm and Les Haerther performed the work.

The team is to design and build 15 pair of stilts to be used in a program at Van Buren Elementary School.

Grant Wood Area Education Association, through the joint efforts of Ann Griffin and Heidi Soethout, has obtained a \$5000 grant from the Greater Cedar Rapids Foundation to start a program with Linn County Corrections for building both "Low Tech" and "High Tech" devices to use in special education programs. "Low Tech" devices are simple adaptations of everyday materials in a straightforward manner. "High Tech" devices are primarily designs created by RCRV participants and documented by design drawings on the RCRV Website.

There is a pending request to reupholster two medical exam tables.

Mike Wilson is to address a local church group giving a description of the mission and the specific accomplishments of RCRV, requested by Tom Ryder.

Communications:

Rod Thorpe reported that the January newsletter has been published and will shortly be distributed. It is available on the RCRV website.

Data Base:

Report was written by Jim Klein and presented by Bill Ellis. The data base has been updated to include new Board of Directors members and Rockwell Collins senior officers. Wilma Shadle provided a list of deceased members from local obituaries, and those names have been removed. A modification to identify union affiliation of members is not yet complete.

Red Cross:

Katie Hauck reported that March is Red Cross month. March 5th is designated as CPR Saturday. Training in administering adult and infant/child CPR will be offered at the Grant Wood AEA facility.

Sixth Judicial District:

Charles Wehage reported that the Tama facility is to help make stilts in support of the Van Buren School project. Other Sixth District facilities plan to participate in other Grant Wood AEA and RCRV projects.

RSVP

Sara Case thanked RCRV for the article describing their program in the latest RCRV Newsletter. Sara acknowledged an earlier discussion of the need for better reporting of hours, and announced that the RSVP web page and newsletters will emphasize the importance of reporting RCRV hours.

Heritage Agency on Aging:

Linda Dearinger reported that Jack Hotchkiss is looking at various technology items for applicability to Heritage use. Jack is now serving as vice chairman of TRIAD.

Four Oaks:

Linda Dearinger reports that children at Bridge and at Jane Boyd will offer a program Saturday, February 26, at 2:00 P.M. as part of Black History Month. Four Oaks is starting a liaison with Home School children, specifically to participate in Lego program, and is looking for other ways for children to employ their talents.

Aging Services, Inc.:

Carol Luth reported that Aging Services is opening a Milestones facility in Marion, March 1. To increase participation in the Senior Home Safety Inspection service, plans are being made to include a flyer in water bills. Sharply increased participation may increase the need for inspector volunteers. Carol also reported that Jennifer Robinson has been appointed as the new Chore Coordinator.

Rockwell Collins:

Jenny Becker reported the following:

- Monday, February 7, Clay Jones will meet with RCRV representatives at 7:30 A.M. Barry Abzug, Ron Kirchenbauer, and other senior management representatives will attend.
- Kay Fisk is appointed coordinator for Hands Across America programs with Rockwell Collins employees.
- The state Lego League competition will be held Saturday, January 22, at Ames.
- The Future Cities competition is scheduled Saturday, January 29.
- Engineers week is February 20 through 26. Volunteers are needed:
 - Children's Museum Saturday, February 19.
 - Lindale Mall Sunday, February 20.
 - Introduce a girl to engineering February 22 and 24.
 - Science Station February 26

Heart of Iowa:

Myrna Loehrlein announced that the Commemorative Mural honoring Pat Marshall is nearly complete. Heart of Iowa has some new opportunities for RCRV volunteers in the coming weeks.

Heart of Iowa is funded as a program for mothers, not directly for children. Funds are not currently available for funding for a therapist. Several suggestions were offered by other members of the Board.

Jane Boyd:

Karl Cassell reported that Internet access is being developed for the center, using computers donated by REACT. There will be volunteer opportunities for equipment setup and training. There are also current opportunities for mentors in math, reading, science, and various sports.

Old business:

Ed Holstrom reported that Les Haerther was injured in a fall. He also announced that this year's tax preparation assistance program is starting. Call HACAP using the community resources hot line number 211 between 8:00 to 5:00 to make an appointment.

New Business:

There is a continuing need to strengthen RCRV recruiting: Pete Jurgens has accepted the responsibility as recruiting chairman. One action is to follow up with Rockwell Collins to assure that an RCRV recruiting brochure is added to the retirement package provided by the company for new retirees. More follow up is required to increase participation by hourly retirees. Sara Case reminded the group of how important it is to bring volunteers working independently with other agencies into the RCRV reporting sphere.

Next Agency of the Month Presentations:

February: Red Cross. March: Bridge.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Jim Green, seconded by John McDonough. Approved.

Submitted by Don Grimm, Secretary