

# **Minutes of the RCRV Board of Directors Meeting February 18, 2009**

**These minutes were approved by the Board of Directors March 18, 2009**

Board chairman Jim Green was absent, as was Vice Chairman Rod Thorpe. Arlo Meyer, Treasurer, chaired the meeting. Secretary Barb Hoffman was also absent. Past secretary Don Grimm recorded the minutes.

Seventeen board members were in attendance.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman pro tem Meyer requested correction to the published minutes on the web site. Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as published.

## **Program: Organ Console Restoration Project, Mike Wilson**

Mike reported on RCRV participation in the Organ Console Restoration Project, part of the Cedar Rapids flood recovery effort. The Wurlitzer console from the Paramount Theatre and the Barton consol from the Iowa Theatre have both been recovered and moved into a facility operated by the History Center on second avenue SE. The Wurlitzer is owned by the City of Cedar Rapids, and the Barton is owned by a private group of CRATOS members.

Judy, Kay, and other RCRV active members helped paint and prepare the room at the history center for use for this purpose.

FEMA funding is pending for both projects, although it is believed that the Wurlitzer was insured. The preservation phase of the project has been successfully completed. Restoration is pending, will most likely be performed by professional organ restorers rather than volunteers, as had been previously discussed.

## **Old Business**

In previous meetings, the Board has discussed preparing another status report for Rockwell Collins management. Cindy Dietz recommends that for the time being a status report is unnecessary. RCRV will offer to make such a presentation whenever it is deemed appropriate by both Rockwell Collins management and by the RCRV Board of Directors.

## **New Business**

Mike Wilson reported that the Rockwell Collins Surplus Store is willing to sell material and equipment to RCRV for community projects only with a written request from an accredited 501.c.3 agency.

Mike also reported that the Science Station has a Lego team, and that they will also have a summer camp program.

## **Rockwell Collins Report, Cindy Dietz:**

Due to Engineers Week and other activities, I will not make the RCRV board meeting.

A couple of notes you may want to pass along...

1. Thank you to RC retirees who contributed to the United Way campaign, which raised \$4.16M. Retirees contributed nearly \$84K toward the campaign. These funds supplemented the \$1.66M contributed by active employees and \$400K donated by the corporation.
2. Rockwell Collins has agreed to serve as the pacesetter company for the United Way's 2009 campaign. We will be talking with retirees regarding this and how we may work with you this year, since the pacesetter campaign runs during July.
3. Engineers Week activities are in full swing. We have about a dozen activities scheduled at schools and community centers.
4. We will continue to accept Green Communities grant applications through Feb. 27. Information and grant applications are available from the website at <http://www.rockwellcollins.com/news/page11356.html>

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## Partner Agency Reports

### Aging Services, Teresa Robinson:

- Habitat for Humanity volunteers "may" be able to mow lawns for seniors.
- Working on funding applications for FY2010.
- ASI was mentioned in the CR Gazette as a potential non-profit organization to lease space in the new United Way building.
- Volunteers continue to provide 300+ rides to medical appointments per month.

### Four Oaks Bridge, Mary Beth Minges:

- Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis has made a donation to sponsor Lego League for the 2009 season.
- Engineers from Rockwell Collins to provide engineers to support Engineers Week programs at the Bridge this week.
- Will begin implementing the *Engineering is Elementary* curriculum with resources from Grant Wood AEA.
- Vern Jackson is teaching a geography class.

### Sixth Judicial District, Heidi Soethout:

No report.

### Grant Wood AEA, Ann Griffin:

No report.

### Heritage Agency on Aging, Linda Dearing:

No report.

### Jane Boy Community House, Karl Cassell:

No report.

### Options of Linn County, Wayne Clayton:

- An envelope stuffer was recently completed by Russ S in Grinnell. We are currently evaluating the consumer's progress with the device. Thank you, Russ for all your efforts.
- Two projects are in progress. One is a cash register simulation project for consumers in house. The other is a conveyor belt project for a shredder at a community job site.

Thanks for all you do.

### REACT, Barb Klawiter:

No report.

### Red Cross, Melissa Hall:

No report.

### RSVP, Barbara Hoffman:

RCRV

- Final hours for RCRV for 2008 37,918
- 40 letters were mailed to recent RCRV retirees
- 5 new RCRV volunteers in January, 2009

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## RSVP

- Final hours for RSVP for 2008 78,800 hours
- 504 active volunteers
- Equals 38 full time employees
- Value over \$1,000,000.00

See the January RSVP report in the appendix to these minutes.

### **St. Luke's Foundation, Tonya Arnold:**

No report.

### **St. Luke's Hospital, Denise Walker:**

No report.

### **United Way, Mary Klinger:**

No report.

### **St. Luke's Foundation, Tonya Arnold:**

No report.

### **Visions in Motion, Carol Luth:**

No report.

### **WRAP, Angela Berns:**

No report.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Communications, Chuck Wehage:**

- The January *Volunteer* is on the web, and has been folded and mailed.
- Cliff Koop was interviewed by the Cedar Rapids Gazette about his recent trip to Guatemala.
- The engineering newsletter at North Dakota State University is planning to publish an article featuring RCRV and the volunteer activities supported as an example of volunteerism among the university's engineering graduates.

### **Community Projects, John McDonough:**

- We had a request for volunteers to help run the MS Walk that will be held on 4/23/09. Contact Kelley De Long for more information at 447-1800-X200.
- Emily Robins of St Lukes Witwer Therapy Center on North Center Point Road requested we design and build several "Astronauts Boards" for some of their patients. Cliff Koop has designed and built at least one for Emily. He will make several more for her. Emily will be providing to her patients via a material charge only.
- Horizons requested a person to assist with their loan committee. If you have an interest in this contact Kathi Moss for more details, 398-3576.
- McAuley Mall Walk is coming up on 2/21/09. Cecelia Harmeyer requested that we form a team to walk this year. Contact Ashley Funkhausr @ 363-4993 if you have an interest.
- Laronna Orr, Heart of Iowa, requested help with staining and the eventual installation of several cabinet bases at their facility including the installation of cupboard tops.
- Jack Rector was honored as "one of 9 who cares" winner of the Jefferson award for this year. Congratulations, Jack.

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- We are working on a project for Options of Linn County for a cash register that can be used in their autistic café to display whatever the person is buying with an associated cost.
- We continue to assist folks with conversion of their analog TV's at Heritage's request. So far, we have converted 25 TV's with several more in backlog.
- We are still supporting SCORE, EIOLLC, LCTA, Money Smart, SHIP, Lego program at many local schools, Meth-Wick computer training classes for their residents, the Science Station, Options of Linn County, Mentoring at many of the local schools, the REACT Center, TRIAD, the Free Clinic and the 4 Oaks Bridge as well as with the design and build of wheelchair ramps via the WRAP program.

If you can dream it, we can do it.

### **Data Base, Jim Klein:**

- The December 2008 list of new Rockwell Collins retirees was added to the database.
- The mailing list of these new retirees was sent to RSVP to send out letters inviting them to join RCRV/RSVP.

### **Recruiting and Retention, Pete Jurgens:**

- See the volunteer hours report submitted by Barb Hoffman, above.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20M.

The next Board meeting is March 18, 2009.

Submitted by Don Grimm, acting for Barb Hoffman, Secretary

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Appendix: January 2009 RSVP Report

Hours

<b>Administrative &amp; Leadership</b>		
47.5	Board of Directors	RCRV, RSVP, Witwer, Mercy Home Care, WRAP, TRIAD, Linn County Trail Association ( LCTA)
77	RCRV Projects meeting	
87	Other	Civil Air Patrol, FEMA, IQC ( Iowa Quality Center), IEEE (Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers) "Volunteer" newsletter, Salvation Army
<b>Assistive Technology &amp; Maintenance Support</b>		
12	Grant Wood AEA	3 new "bumper" cars- truck inner tube on wheels; big ball launcher
3	Options of Linn County	Shredder project
	Other	
<b>Construction &amp; Design</b>		
187	Construction	Sinclair temporary stage extension design & drawings, Prairiewoods-selection and arrangement of new solar panels as part of advancing the renewable energy performance, Vision in Motion-installing cabinets, Cedar Amateur Astronomers, Linn County Trail Association
60		House of Hope- Guatemala
<b>Education</b>		
34	4 Oaks Bridge	Geography in Nations, tutoring
41	Eastern Iowa Observatory	
37.5	Lego League	
42	Rockwell K-12 program	Magnetism, Toys in Space, Gravity and Friction, Kindergarten Science, Future Cities competition
97	Tutoring	Hiawatha, Johnson, Wright, Cleveland, Erskine, Kirkwood, Linn-Mar
18	Other	Science Station Scout program, Robotics- 13 projects completed
<b>Elderly Services</b>		
31	Aging Services	Home Safety Inspection, Money Smart Week
4.5	Heritage	
34	Methwick	Weekly computer classes
3	Other	TV conversion boxes
<b>RSVP Partner Agencies</b>		
79	SHIIP	(includes 20 additional hours not reported through site)
24	SCORE	
13	Catherine McAuley	
3	American Red Cross	
17	AARP Tax Assistance	
5	HACAP	
6.5	Cultural	Czech Museum, Coggon Historical Society
16	Small Claims Court	

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42	REACT	
21.5	WRAP	
113	St. Luke's Hospital	Advantage program, Special projects, Central Service, wheel chairs, print shop
20	Meals on Wheels	Witwer, Horizons
34.5	Food Banks	Linn Community Food Bank, Marion Food Pantry
85.5	Jones County	Transportation, Meals on Wheels Outreach, elementary tutoring, Olin Food bank
25	<b>Disaster Recovery</b>	

	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
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46.5	Church	
36	Cultural	CR Community Concerts, Collins Museum, Music- quartet, Hiawatha Library,
73	Health related	Abbe Center, Alzheimer's Society, American Cancer Society, Community Health Free Clinic, Crises Center, Hospice, Mercy Hospital
96	Other non-profits	Cedar Valley Humane Society, Girl Scouts, Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Linn County Trails Association
22	Service Organizations	Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus
<b>Number of Projects</b>	<b>Agencies</b>	<b>Projects</b>
3	Vision Enhancement Center	2 adjustable benches 1 wider foot for a one legged stool
8	Heritage	TV conversions
1	St. Luke's Witwer Center	Sitting board for children
13		Robotics
4	Grant Wood AEA	3- "bumper" cars- truck inner tube on wheels; 1- big ball launcher
1	Options of Linn County	Shredder project
88	Members reporting in Jan. as of 02/17	Early, early in the year
1,613	Hours	
30	Projects	