

Minutes of the RCRV Board of Directors Meeting 3/16/2005

Board Chairman Chuck Wehage called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

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

Vern Jackson moved and Pete Jurgens seconded the motion to approve the minutes of February Board Meeting as posted on the RCRV website. Motion carried.

Notices of significance to RCRV

Chuck Wehage told the group that the Iowa Code with respect to non-profit organizations will likely require changes to bylaws. Don Grimm and Check Wehage will attend a meeting 3/17/05 at Beems auditorium at the Cedar Rapids Public Library. Any issues will be addressed at future Board meetings.

Product liability issues have been raised about some of the high-energy devices designed or built by RCRV. Chuck Wehage has referred the subject to Gary Chadick for review and will report at a future meeting.

Report on Activities of Four Oaks Bridge

Carol Kalous reported on the status of the Four Oaks Bridge in Cedar Rapids.

- 1999 purchased St Marks Lutheran Church
- Year-round program
- Serve breakfast, lunch, and snack in afternoon
- 2000 remodeling completed
- Junior League, Cedar Rapids Symphony lease space
- Jane Boyd operates a preschool
- 78 children K-7th
- Serve Mound View Neighborhood
- Pick up children 2:00 -- 6:00 pm, parents pick up children at Bridge
- Family event once/month
- Work closely with schools
- Continues to grow
- Received \$5000 grant to work on reading levels of students
- Have raised reading levels in addressed group by one year in a year's time.
- Large number of activities provided for the children
- 22 volunteers
- Expect 300 children by 2007
- Opening up 6,7,8th grade programs, working toward K-12 eventually
- 2 full time staff, 4 part time.

RCRV has built furniture, runs Science Club activities, and Jack Rector serves as an advisor.

Community Projects Report (John McDonough)

We had a table during Engineers Week at the Science Station. We had several folks man the table. Lots of kids (and their parents) stopped by to demonstrate the toys that we had set up. Lots of fun by all.

We provided a list of material to Tom Hodge of Van Buren School for him to use to get funding from down town for 60 pairs of stilts. Community Projects will build for Van Buren. The parts will be made at the Tama facility and then will be assembled by Cedar Rapids Facility.

Ann Griffin has been named the "Teacher of the year nationally by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Congratulations Ann for a job well done.

The cell phone project has been temporarily discontinued due to no one to distribute to. We will start up again when we get some clients.

We held a recent Community Projects Team meeting at the Science Station. We had good participation and were treated very well with a large conference room well stocked with coffee and condiments. A tour of the facility was held after our meeting.

We also delivered 5 ball throwers to GWAEA this past period.

Still selling shirts. See Arlo Meyer or Jim Spencer if interested.

We continue to mentor, and tutor students in the area.

Received a thank you from Taylor School for the sandbox that we delivered to her class.

The music Man dress rehearsal at Kennedy on April 20 at 1:30 which is free to Seniors but they need to register with Marcia Hughes at the volunteer office.

Communications (Rod Thorpe)

Rod is out of town, so there is no report for this meeting. The next news letter is to be distributed in mid-April.

Data Base (Jim Klein)

Jim is traveling, so there is not report for this meeting. Jim sent Cindy Dietz a list of labels for the April Newsletter before leaving.

United Way (Mary Klinger)

United Way is gearing up for 2005 program

St Lukes (Jackie Ryan)

Jackie asked for an update on the status of portable ramps for wheelchair patients. Tom Brennom has been thinking about this but is now working on contract, so no progress has been made. RCRV will take it as an action item to get the ramp project moving again.

Heart of Iowa (Myrna Loehrlein)

The Heart of Iowa infant client population has grown to 14 babies, (with room for 12). There is no school next week, so everyone is looking for ways to provide activities.

The Pat Marshall commemorative mural is now complete. Pete Jurgens is working on a plan to create an appropriate plaque to post on the wall.

A new list of projects has accumulated. Myrna provided the list to John McDonough to initiate new RCRV participation.

Myrna reports that they are now in stage two of grant approval process for planned future enhancements.

Sixth Judicial District (Heidi Soethout)

Wheelchair Ramp Project I have met with Easter Seals (Des Moines) and IPAT (Iowa City) to discuss this endeavor - what has happened in the past and what can hopefully happen in the future. I have also had conversations with Anamosa State Penitentiary, Iowa Medical Classification Center, and Newton Prison regarding their assistance in this endeavor as well. There is interest from all parties to try and make this collaboration work.

Cell Phone Project The Sixth Judicial District, Department of Correctional Services collects cell phones as well. We collect phones through the Donate A Phone PhoneRaising program, which was established by the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association (CTIA), a.k.a. the Wireless Foundation. ReCellular, Inc. is the principal sponsor of the Donate a Phone program. In partnership with both industry and civic organizations, Donate a Phone generates funding for a variety of charitable efforts. The funds generated in this particular case will be used to help cover unmet needs of victims of crime in the Sixth Judicial District. Non-working phones are accepted also and will be properly recycled. **All donors should deactivate the wireless service of any donated phones before turning them in.**

ACCESSories Ann Griffin and I held a joint project (her students from Cornell College and individuals doing community service) on Friday, March 11th and we were able to make several low tech items to be distributed through out the area.

Make a Difference Day I submitted our efforts last October to Make A Difference Day. USA Today called to verify some information on our submission, so fingers are crossed for some recognition and/or award monies.

Aging Services (Carol Luth)

Carol expressed appreciation to the RCRV volunteers who are conducting home safety inspections. The program has grown rapidly since it was publicized by a handout in the Cedar Rapids city water bills.

The Milestones facility opened in March, will host RCRV Board meeting in April.

Aging Services currently has fifteen people on the waiting list for wheel chair ramps.

RSVP (Sara Case)

Jones County Task Group is asking RSVP to expand in that area. RSVP is evaluating the opportunity.

Rockwell Collins (Cindy Dietz)

EWeek activities reached 3,000 kids through various community and in-school venues. Thanks to all RCRV members who helped out - especially at the Science Station which reported more than 800 kids for Free Engineering Day.

We have just closed applications for the RC Green Communities Program. This is an environmental grant program to target RC communities around the world and engage our employee in activities to beautify or better the environment

We are just beginning planning for the RC Hands Across America (United Way) campaign. Campaign will run from mid-July through August. The retiree campaign will be coordinated with the community campaign. Last year retirees contributed more than \$57K to the United Way of East Central Iowa.

Tom Hobson, Government Relations manager, and I will travel to Melbourne March 28 - 30 to conduct a community assessment. This is to determine where RC is involved in the community, and how they might benefit from getting involved with government, education and other organizations. We will consider whether timing and conditions are right to approach retirees there to form another RCRV chapter.

Red Cross (Joan Schaffer)

The Hero campaign is progressing nicely.

Next blood drive will feature free massages.

Old Business:

None.

New Business

None.

Next meeting April 20.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Donald Grimm, Secretary.