

# Minutes of the RCRV Board of Directors Meeting May 20, 2009

These minutes were approved by the board of directors June 17, 2009

1:30 Red Cross Building

## PRESENT

RCRV members: Faye Spading, Kay Nelson, John McDonough, Les Haerther, Arlo Meyer, Jack Murphy, Chuck Wehage, Mike Wilson, Rod Thorpe, Don Grimm, Bill Ellis, Jim Green, Jim Klein, Jim Spencer, Pete Jurgens, Keith Sutherland, Tom Brennom  
Community Service Agency members: Linda Dearing, Teresa Robinson, Barbara Hoffman

## CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairman, Jim Green, determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. 20 members were present.

## PROGRAM

Dr. Vic Klopfenstein presented information about "Friendship Force." This organization was founded in 1977 and it's mission is to promote world peace and understanding by creating an environment where individual friendships can be established across the barriers that separate people.

Friendship Force International accomplishes this mission through goodwill ambassadors from more than 375 clubs worldwide. Dr. Klopfenstein spoke of his experiences meeting people around the world by traveling and also hosting members from international clubs in his home. He also spoke about

"domestic" exchanges within the United States.

For more information, please email: [info@friendshipforcecr-ic.org](mailto:info@friendshipforcecr-ic.org)

## MINUTES

Tom Brennom moved to accept the April 15, 2009 RCRV board minutes as posted on the RCRV website. John McDonough seconded. Motion: carried

## OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

## NEW BUSINESS

Report of the RCRV 2009 Grant Program Review Committee

Submitted by Don Grimm, committee secretary pro tem

The RCRV 2009 Grant Program Review Committee was formed by chairman, Jim Green to accomplish the following tasks:

1. Choose a theme for the grant program
2. Establish and distribute grant application judging criteria
3. Review all requests for grants received by RCRV
4. Recommend to the RCRV Board of Directors which of the applications should be approved and the specific amounts to be awarded to each recipient.

Members of the Review Committee:

1. Chairman: Jim Green
2. John McDonough
3. Pete Jurgens
4. Don Grimm

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5. Keith Sutherland
6. Tonya Arnold

The Review Committee met on Monday, May 18, 2009. Each of the members of the committee had previously evaluated each grant using the numerical score sheet provided with the grant invitation instructions. Those individual score sheets were combined and the results were studied and evaluated by the committee. The results were discussed at length. The committee reached unanimous consensus to recommend the following grant awards.

1. The Witwer Center proposal, "So No Linn County Senior Goes Hungry"	\$ 5000.00
2. Vision in Motion program, " Low Vision Services for Low-Income Older Adults"	3000.00
3. RSVP Jones County program "RSVP's Elderly Outreach Transportation Program"	2000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

It was moved by Don Grimm to accept the report of the 2009 Grant Program Review Committee. It was seconded by John McDonough. Motion: carried

## ROCKWELL COLLINS REPORT- Cindy Dietz

Cindy was not able to be present at today's meeting

## PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS

### 1. **Heritage Agency on Aging- Linda Dearing**

- o Summarized Money Smart Week April 20-25- excellent information; poor attendance
- o June 15 is "Elderly Abuse Awareness Day"- a program on legal services for older adults will be presented by Attorney Martha Quint at KTOS
- o The last issue of the INVOLVEMENT will be the June issue.
- o SHIIP presentations will be the following dates at KTOS
  - October 26, 27, 29, 30
  - November 2, 3

### 2. **Aging Services- Teresa Robinson**

Volunteers continue to be active with Aging Services. If there is a need for a home safety check, please call Aging Services as volunteers are available to do these checks. Transportation continues to be a busy service with volunteers providing transportation for Linn County residents primarily to non-emergent medical appointments.

### 3. **RSVP- Barbara Hoffman**

- o April- 20 new members with 54 new members to date in 2009
- o 391 have reported hours for a total of 24,379
- o June 1<sup>st</sup> is the first day of the "Suggested Donation" policy for Jones County transportation clients. The additional funding will go toward mileage reimbursement for the volunteer transportation drivers.

4. **Options of Linn County- Wayne Clayton** sent the following report read by Barbara Hoffman. Our main activity with RCRV at the moment is an arm support that Russ in Grinnell is creating for a consumer with severe disabilities.

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## RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

### **1. Community Projects- John McDonough**

- \* TRIAD Money Smart presentations were made to a very sparse crowd. Maybe we are not presenting to the proper audience. TRIAD presented information on 5 different programs ranging from Identity theft to home maintenance including some fraud topics in Medicare.
- \* We built 2 bocci ramps for folks in Missouri who seen the info on our website. John Carbaugh made the ramps from info that Arlo Meyer had places on our website.
- \* We had only 80 + people at our picnic. Most of these folks were from the REACT Center. RCRV did not have very many attendees. Hopefully we can do better next year.
- \* The computer maintenance class by Don Wickenkamp was very informative. Don did a good job in teaching us how to keep our PC's clean. Another class will be starting in June. It is full. Hopefully, Don or someone else will continue this class as it is very informative.
- \* We continue to support the Community Free Clinic, the REACT Center, SCORE, Aging, Services, 4 Oaks Bridge, the Science Station, EIOLC, Vision In Motion, the Indian Creek Nature Center, New Horizons, Options of Linn County, Heritage, Grant Wood AEA, plus we continue to design and build ramps for the WRAP program having completed 3 this past week.
- \* Tom Brennom presented the TRIAD Identity Theft presentation to us during the past period. He presented some very scary information.
- \* Several of our members finished up their efforts with a free income tax service being provided in our community.
- \* Jack Murphy's parachute drop mechanism for the Children's Museum in Iowa City was demonstrated to us. Job well done!
- \* We need more ramp designers. Contact J. Wauer or Tom Brennom if you have an interest. They will see to it that you get trained to do job.
- \* SHIIP needs several more counsellors in our area. If you have an interest, please contact me at 431-4144.

If you can dream it, we can do it.

### **2. Communications- Chuck Wehage**

The next issue of The Volunteer will go to print the week of May 25<sup>th</sup>. The North Dakota State Alumni newsletter did a feature article on Don Grimm and Chuck Wehage regarding their involvement with a retiree program- RCRV.

### **3. Recruiting/Retention- Barbara Hoffman**

- o New members:

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Received 4 new RCRV applications in April

Total: 19 for 2009

- April hours  
110 members reported 4,538 hours and completed 191 projects
  - Reporting to date  
156 have reported hours for a total of 11,060; 80% of last year's total for the same time period. However, it isn't until December that all hours are submitted for 2009.
- Have sent 75 "Welcome to RCRV/RSVP letters" to recent Rockwell retirees.

## **4. Data Base- Jim Klein-**

1. Bill Ellis and I updated the database for the address changes resulting from the returned February 2009 newsletter.
2. The database was also updated for:
  - New retiree lists from Rockwell Collins for January, February, March and April
  - Deletions of names based on obituaries from Wilma Shadle
3. The mailing label file for the next newsletter has been made but has not been sent to Rockwell Collins. I will wait until the newsletter is ready in case there are additional changes before is it ready for mailing.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

June speaker will be Dan Hawthorne, board chairman for Community Free Health clinic

July- summer recess- no meeting

## ADJOURNMENT

Jim Green adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held June 17 at 1:30 at the Red Cross Building

Submitted by Barbara Hoffman, Secretary

Note: These minutes are subject to amendment and approval at the next board meeting.

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## Appendix I

Hours APRIL, 2009

### Administrative & Leadership

52.5	Board of Directors	RCRV, RSVP, Witwer, WRAP, Aging Services, Four Oaks Bridge, Mercy Home Care Advisory board
104.5	RCRV Projects meeting	
62	Other	Friends of Dillon Ranger District, AACA/Hawk A Model A Ford club
59	Other	Civil Air Patrol, Emergency Management, LCTA
	<b>Assistive Technology &amp; Maintenance Support</b>	
	Grant Wood AEA	
20	Options of Linn County	
	Other	
	<b>Construction &amp; Design</b>	
60.5	Construction	St. Marks UMC hand rail design, Cedar Amateur Astronomers, carpentry for seniors, install doors at Area Payee Services plus other
78	stage extension	Sinclair auditorium
	<b>Education</b>	
41.5	4 Oaks Bridge	
67	Eastern Iowa Observatory	
32	Lego League	
88	Rockwell K-12 program	Wright; Pierce, Westfield Elementary JA, Harding MS Book buddy
107	Tutoring	Erskine,Hiawatha, JohnsonGarfield, Grant Wood, Linn-Mar Highschool
217	Other	Rockwell tour guide,FDRD, Shuttle and Nature Centre, Kirkwood, judge Invent IA, Hiawatha Library,Viola Gibsen, Wright school- telephones, Marion Library,Cedar Valley Christian school
	<b>Elderly Services</b>	
28	Aging Services	
29.5	Heritage	
17	Methwick	
64	Other	Triad, transportation, Money smart week, plus other
6	Companionship Outreach	
	<b>RSVP Partner Agencies</b>	
129/20	SHIIP St. Luke's/other SHIIP	
20	Advantage	
47	SCORE	
17	Catherine McAuley	
2	American Red Cross	
309/7	AARP/VITA Tax Assistance	
38	HACAP	
5	Cultural	C.R. Symphony
16	Small Claims Court	
1058	REACT	March & April hours
135	WRAP	
118/7	St. Luke's/Mercy Hospitals	
21	Meals on Wheels	
32	Food Banks	
275	Jones County	transportation, meals on wheels, food pantry, JRMC, Anamosa schools, Companionship Outreach
364.5	<b>Disaster Recovery</b>	mucking with St. Paul's UMC group, Flood Recovery garage sale st St. Jude's, plus other miscellaneous recovery efforts

	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
263	Miscellaneous	12 projects completed, sewing, afghans
73	Church	Church council, InterReligious Council treasurer, Bible delivery to funeral homes
42	Cultural	Science Station,Granger House Museum, Coggon Historical Museum, Bruce more
192.5	Health related	Ms Walkathon at Xavier, Community Health Free Clinic, American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Assoc."Road to Recovery" American Cancer society, Pet therapy,

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<b>Hours</b> 238	APRIL, 2009 Other non-profits	Cedar Valley Humane Society, Children's Museum of Iowa, Cedar Amateur Astronomers, St. Vincent DePaul, Disabled Veterans Drive, Habitat ReStore, Girl Scouts, Children of Promise
33	Service Organizations	Knights of Columbus, El Kahir Shrine, Kiwanis
216	Embroidery Guild of America	non-profit education organization
<b>Projects</b>	<b>Agencies</b>	
2	Vision Enhancement Center	repair one legged stool, install a hot water heater
	Heritage	65 tv conversions completed
3	St. Luke's Witwer Center	32 astronaut boards completed, step stool design completed
1	Disaster Recovery	replacing a too small window for the opening
4	miscellaneous	installation of bars in front of a sewer intake hand rail design for church, install doors at Area aye Services, installation of stairs adjacent to a wheelchair lift
100	REACT	replacing failed capacitors on backplanes
eight	2 ramps/ 2 bocci ramps	includes design and build
61	Wright school	12 volt pump for launching air driven rockets, 60 telephones for reading
112	Members reporting in April.	2009 158 members reporting hours
4,799	Hours	2009 11,123 total volunteer hours
191	Projects	