

Minutes of the RCRV Board of Directors Meeting 06/20/2007

Board Chairman Jim Green determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

Seventeen members and guests signed the attendance list.

Heidi Soethout and Angela Berns submitted typographical corrections to the May 16th Board Meeting Minutes. Pete Jurgens moved approval of the minutes as corrected, seconded by Chuck Wehage. The motion was approved.

Program

No program today.

Committee Reports

Community Projects, John McDonough:

John McDonough expressed concern that volunteer activity reported to RCRV seems to be running behind last year's pace. The following written report was submitted:

We investigated expanding RCRV into the Iowa City area. We found that we only had 23 retirees located in the area. Lois Barteleme and Bill Laubengayer expressed an interest in such an organization. We decided not to pursue.

Christie Denburg of Miracles in Motion visited with us with a request for us to design stations on their sensory trail. Three of us visited them to see what they had in mind. Four Stations fall into the category of items that RCRV can help design, and build. They have requested help with an arch, which is about 3 foot deep, 12 feet high and 10 feet wide; a bridge which would extend over a nonexistent water feature which would be about a foot high, 10 feet wide with a level area of ten feet with a ramp on the front and on the rear of the bridge; a musical station; and a buckboard station. Jim Green is going to look at the arch station.

WRAP program volunteers moved the extra materials that were stored at Jack Hotchkiss' and Aging Services into our St Lukes donated storage area on A Avenue NE. All the materials are now in one place.

Julie Rochford, of Corrections, requested leadership on 3 projects: an attic project, a double gate project, and a photographic project. See Julie for details.

The Linn County Observatory and Training Center efforts are going well with open house still projected to be in the latter part of July. Several RCRV folks are volunteering on this project.

We are painting a modular home in Marion for a handicapped person who would have had to leave the park in she had not done something to the exterior of her home.

We are working on a PA project for the Linn County Fair Board in Central City. They have also requested lots of volunteer help with the daily activities of running the fair. These requests, and the Miracles in Motions requests, have been entered on our web site.

Art Roderick is one of five Freedom Festival's Heros for 2007. Congratulations, Art.

Eight of us traveled to West Des Moines to accept the Shining Star Award from the Governor's Conference on Aging. Thanks to Linda Dearinger and *Heritage* for the nomination.

We continue to provide home inspections for Aging Services.

We will be collecting hours for RCRV in a different manner in the future. We will have 6 categories in which to report hours. These categories will be explained during the next few meetings. A better method of reporting is needed in order support effective grant writing of RSVP and the WRAP Coalition. We will start this new system for reporting June hours.

If you can dream it, we can do it.

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Communications, Rod Thorpe:

No report. Rod expects to submit the next newsletter into reproduction July 12.

Data Base, Jim Klein:

Bill Ellis and I updated the database for the returned Newsletters that were mailed out in late April. Mailing labels have been generated for the July 2007 issue of the newsletter and sent to Cindy Dietz.

I have not received any updates on new retirees since the first of the year. I will check on this when I get back from Canada at the end of July.

Recruiting and Retention, Pete Jurgens:

Starting to get new membership applications again. Numerous projects have been posted on the web site, including Miracles in Motion and Linn County Fair requests. Miracles in Motion is partially funded by Rockwell Collins employees United Way.

Rockwell Collins, Cindy Dietz:

Cindy reiterated congratulations to Freedom Festival Hero Art Roderick for his award.

Now have retiree lists from both MLB and DAL. RCRV will start working informally with individuals, and Cindy will also work with leadership in those regions to try to stir up interest in starting RCRV--like organizations.

Rockwell Collins HR plans to change procedures to send a letter to retirees about RCRV about a month after their retirement date.

The kickoff breakfast for K12 this year will be August 17. Plans are to expand LEGO teams first, then robotics programs throughout Iowa.

Agency Reports

Aging Services, Carol Luth:

Golf outing fundraiser is scheduled Monday, June 25th.

Bob Ocken is helping design a data base to help track administrative matters.

Aging Services is taking a leading role in the WRAP coalition is generating and validating requests for service.

Correctional Services, Heidi Soethout:

The BRIGHTEN community improvement event held this past weekend was successful.

DCS is still undergoing reorganization. During this time, there is a moratorium on volunteer interns.

Summer VISTA volunteers are now on board.

A delegation of Polish visitors is expected in July. Heidi is attempting to learn Polish.

Four Oaks Bridge, Carol Kalous:

No report.

Grant Wood AEA, Ann Griffin:

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Heart of Iowa, Myrna Loehrlein:

We are beyond capacity in three of our five rooms. Summer activities are in full swing, including trips around town and even a trip to Des Moines to visit the zoo. Future trips may be limited because the 15-passenger van is no longer adequate. We typically will need space for twenty-five.

We are in process of applying for a level 2 on the Iowa Quality Rating System--a five-level system. Given current resources, we don't expect to be able to get beyond level 2.

New legislation affecting volunteer preschools is now under study.

Heritage Agency on Aging, Linda Dearing:

Heritage is conducting an Elder Conference in September. Jack Rector, Jim Spencer, and Jim Wolfe are participating.

Hospice of Mercy, Sara Case:

No report.

Jane Boy Community House, Karl Cassell:

No report.

New Horizons, Mark Beason:

The Abilities in Action Conference and Exposition was discussed. See Options of Linn County report below for details.

Options of Linn County, Wayne Clayton:

We have recently hosted tours of our facility and RCRV adaptations were highlighted.

The annual Abilities in Action/Assistive Tech Expo will be held Oct 3, 2007 at KTOS. We would like to invite RCRV to have a display table there. More information to follow.

REACT, Barb Klawiter:

No report.

Red Cross, Joan Schaffer:

Joan handed out copies of the CrossLinks newsletter, and a Health, Safety, Preparedness Calendar. Have several Vista Americorps associates assigned to various projects.

Our Red Cross chapter is becoming regional, combining resources with Waterloo Hawkeye chapter.

RSVP, WRAP, Angela Burns:

RSVP:

RSVP is involved with Senior Leadership Institute, and Angela will help present volunteer opportunities.

Angela gave a presentation to Optimist club. They offered to sponsor a children's wheel chair ramp.

Governor award applications have been submitted

The Jones count program continues to grow. 11,000 miles of volunteer driving.

Angela is changing jobs in July to become Manager of Volunteer Activities at St Lukes Hospital.

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WRAP:

The WRAP coalition is rapidly changing and growing as new members join and projects become more specific.

The building material inventory has now been transferred to the A avenue storage garage.

A new advisor named Duane Frye has joined the coalition.

Angela met with Rod Thorpe to work on a new WRAP brochure. They expect it to be distributed in August.

St Lukes Rehab is actively supporting WRAP. Angela is going to spend a day with that organization seeing how they operate.

First official WRAP ramp built, 8 volunteers from RCRV helping an individual who provided his own design and materials. Next ramp on Monday, June 25.

An executive committee formed to deal with WRAP policy and procedures.

St. Luke's Hospital, Denise Walker:

No report.

United Way, Mary Klinger:

No report.

Old Business

Both Email and phone voice mail requests to RCRV have recently gone unanswered for days at a time. The responsibility for Email response falls to Don Grimm, while the voice mail responsibility belongs to Ralph Arens. Both have agreed to maintain an appropriate watch on received messages.

John Wauer announced that the RCRV web site has been changed to www.rcrv.org.

New Business

RSVP is facing new guidelines for funding accountability. RSVP requests RCRV reporting be enhanced to provide information on where hours are spent and what results can be attributed to those hours. Initial list of 85 refined into 7 categories at a meeting at RSVP office June 13. Eight Categories were specified, including: Administrative Services, Assistive Technology and Maintenance Support, Construction and Design, Education, Elderly Services, Miscellaneous Nonprofit Support, and WRAP.

There is no intent to make this a draconian system that might diminish reporting of hours by volunteers who don't like rigorous structure. It is important, though, to support RSVPs need to provide accountability for funds entrusted to it.

The July newsletter will include a discussion of proposed changes.

28,429 hours last year translates into \$533 k budget enhancement for area nonprofits.

Jack Hotchkiss made a presentation to a group of Collins retirees last week on the assistive technology accomplishments of RCRV.

Adjournment

3:03 PM

The next Board meeting is August 15th at the Red Cross building.

Submitted by Don Grimm, Secretary.