

Minutes of the RCRV Board of Directors Meeting 10/19/2005

Board Chairman Chuck Wehage called the meeting to order at 1:33 P.M.

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

Approval of March meeting

Jim Green moved that the minutes of the September meeting as posted on the website be approved. Bill Ellis seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Opening Remarks

Chairman Wehage announced that the annual meeting will be at Red Cross in the downstairs conference room.

Community Projects Report (John McDonough)

The Community WRAP Team now has a spot for the two lifts that we have. We bought one from Easter Seals and United Way had one donated to them. These will be located in the new history center building that was recently donated to them. We will review the design with value engineering and safety in mind to come up with a safer more economical lift that can be located in the community very quickly as the need arises.

We designed and then built a tool shed for Milestones of Marion on their property.

We supported the Assistive Technology Fair for the Handicapped at the KTOS Center this past period. More people supported this program than in the past. Attendance was good.

RCRV has set up on 11/8/05 for our membership an insurance meeting where we will discuss the new Rockwell Collins enrollment package as well as to inform folks on what the new law means to them. Several RCRV Senior Health Insurance Information Program Counselors will be available for one-on-one counseling if people have questions on either the RC program or the Part D program.

Excess computers have now been removed from the Science Station thanks to Barb Klawiter of REACT. She reviewed all the computers stored in the basement and recommended the disposition of materials with the bulk going to Midwest Computer Brokers in Walford.

Our Team continues to work on tasks at the SS to improve conditions and to keep displays operational.

Our Team continues to support the K-12, Habitat for Humanity and Aging Services projects.

We are the site manager for the Festival of Trees. Mike Wilson and Jim Green are in charge of setting up the displays in the US Cellular Center and then removing them later in the weekend. This is a large volunteer task. We need lots of volunteers to make this work well.

We also have a crew that continue to paint walls, floors etc at the Jane Boyd Computer Lab as well as the Science Station.

In the near future, we will build a wheelchair swing for New Horizons. John Wauer has designed it and has built a kit along with Don Cantabery's help. Now it needs to be assembled on site with the help of a local Boy Scout Troop.

The October Newsletter is out. It should be delivered shortly.

Sweeny Todd Dress Rehearsal will be held at 1 PM on 11/9/05 at Washington High School. The dress rehearsal is free to seniors, but you need to register by calling 558-2124. This must be done by 11/7/05.

A ramp design has been provided to a homeowner located on Linmar Dr NE. The homeowner will build.

We have moved our recruiting informational meeting to the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:00. This will be just prior to our regular meeting. Maybe this will improve attendance by potential volunteers.

Ann Griffin needs spray paint can lids for a project she is working on.

Communications (Rod Thorpe)

The RCRV newsletter is published. Some of the material submitted for this issue was held until the next issue because of space limitations.

Data Base (Jim Klein)

There have been no changes to report.

Recruiting (Pete Jurgens)

No report

United Way (Mary Klinger)

Mailings to Collins Retirees are being mailed now, using the previously approved mailing list provided by RCRV. Members should receive their letters within the next few days. Rockwell Collins retirees contributed \$58,000 last year to the campaign.

Heart of Iowa (Myrna Loehrlein)

Myrna was welcomed back from Romania, where she had worked on a project for Habitat for Humanity. The dedication of the Pat Marshall memorial Mural was a very successful event, focusing attention on the mission of Heart of Iowa from residents and staff as well as visiting media.

Our next project will be to apply a coat of clear sealer to protect the mural. The artists support this project. Myrna will visit RCRV within the next month to provide details on required materials.

St Lukes (Jackie Ryan)

No report.

Heritage Agency on Aging (Linda Dearinger)

No report.

Sixth Judicial District (Heidi Soethout):

Corrections is looking for volunteers to help clients with routine income tax preparation, and to act as mediators for court system. RSVP may be able to help provide volunteers, and RCRV members are encouraged to volunteer. Appropriate training will be provided.

Aging Services (Carol Luth)

Thanksgiving meals will be coming up shortly. Volunteers will be needed to distribute these meals. Additional volunteers will be needed to provide snow removal for some 120 senior citizens.

Thanks to Senior Home Inspectors who have been active. Additional publicity should increase the demand for inspections. For example, the Women Today magazine includes an article describing the program and encouraging participation.

Jane Boyd (Karl Cassell)

No report.

RSVP (Sara Case)

There were no changes to report. Kathy Downing is spending about half time tracking RCRV hours and projects, and this information provides a reliable source of data for RCRV.

Options of Linn County (Wayne Clayton)

Since our last board meeting, RCRV has...

1. Repaired a switch and accepted another repair request

2. Co-hosted a display table with Options at the Assistive Tech Expo/Abilities In Action Conference. This event was held Oct 11, 2005 at KTOS in Marion. We featured assistive devices RCRV has designed for Grant Wood AEA and Options. We handed out brochures and talked with a large number of visitors. People seemed very enthusiastic to hear about RCRV and see some of the things that we do. Organizers report that attendance to the event doubled this year compared to last year.

Thank you to everyone who helped with these activities.

Red Cross (Joan Schaffer)

The staff is re-grouping from hurricane relief. A World Aids benefit event is scheduled December 8. Red Cross is working now to staff a VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) position for a one-year term beginning in November. Retirees are welcome to apply. Red Cross currently has five Americorps positions staffed.

Bridge, Four Oaks (Carol Kalous)

No report.

Rockwell Collins (Cindy Dietz)

No report.

Other Reports:

None.

Old Business:

Chairman Wehage reported that he intends to approach SEMA, the RSVP insurance provider, to seek additional insurance coverage for RCRV volunteers. The ad hoc committee planned to address this issue will be formed in November.

New Business

Keith Sutherland was appointed to chair the nominating committee for the RCRV Board of Directors to prepare the slate for the General Meeting in November. Don Grimm, Jim Spencer, Mike Wilson, Faye Spading will serve on that committee.

Jack Hotchkiss reported that RCRV could host a display at the Iowa Commission of Volunteer Services meeting in Des Moines November 9th and 10th. Both Red Cross and RSVP will attend, but will not host a display. Jack volunteered to set up and host the display booth using Ann Griffin's video tape. Jack will provide TV set and tape player. The sense of the meeting was to support this effort, although no motion was offered and no vote was taken.

Mike Wilson announced a Linn County Trails special event to take place November 30 at Cedar Lake.

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting, 11/16/2005 at the Red Cross Building.

Rod Thorpe moved to adjourn, and John McDonough seconded the motion. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 2:12 PM.

Submitted by Donald Grimm, Secretary.