

Minutes of the RCRV Board of Directors Meeting 2/15/2006

Board Chairman Chuck Wehage called the meeting to order at 1:34 P.M.

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

The Chairman determined that a quorum is present.

Minutes

Don Grimm announced that cut-and-paste typographical errors had shown up on the minutes as posted on the website, and proposed these be corrected. Mike Wilson moved approval of the minutes as amended, and John McDonough seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Opening Remarks

None

Formal Presentation:

None

Community Service (John McDonough)

The Iowa Commission of Volunteer Services is presenting a volunteer Fair March 20 in the State Capital Rotunda. There is to be a \$35 fee for a display table. Cindy Dietz suggested combining RCRV, REACT, and K12 into one display. RCRV can support this, assuming help preparing materials. Cindy will accept the invitation from ICVS.

Joe Jennison of the Iowa Cultural Corridor Alliance requested we help with some data entry to keep the data base schedules up to speed. Jim Green is doing the data entry.

3 ramp activities are ongoing. One, the design was completed by Wauer, and a group of 8 RCRV members built the ramp. A ramp in Marion is being designed by Keith Sutherland and a 3rd ramp is being designed by John Wauer (turned back to aging services -- ten foot drop.)

RCRV will support the Governor's Award Ceremonies in June. We will provide help in parking cars as well as ushers for the event itself.

Kittrell designed and built a hospital bed switch that can be operated by a person with severe arthritic conditions. This was done at the request of the Visiting Nurses of Monticello. The effort was greatly appreciated by the patient.

We continue to support REACT, the Science Station, and the payee effort for folks that can't handle their own finances for Heritage.

We are starting to do taxes for the community.

The newsletter has been delivered.

We have had lots of SHIP activities over the past couple of months. We have seen on the order of 1,000 folks that needed help in signing up for the prescription drug plan.

Jenny Becker requested that RCRV provide support to Engineers week plans for the Science Station.

We had the first lift meeting this past period. We measured the lift and took about 30 pictures.

Murphy is in process of building 5 more ball throwers.

Communications (Rod Thorpe)

The winter Newsletter was delivered on schedule. Rod Thorpe is on vacation.

Data Base (Jim Klein)

The RCRV database was updated based on the obits and approximately 35 address changes from phone calls and returned newsletters. There were also about 30 email messages someone had printed out with address changes. Some of these were 2 years old.

The present Collins Email account on the company intranet site will be maintained, but a new Yahoo Email account has been established as the RCRV public contact address. Keith Sutherland will set up a procedure for monitoring these messages. Ralph Arens now is monitoring phone messages daily.

Jim will be gone for the months of March and April. He will send the April Newsletter mailing labels to Rockwell Collins before leaving.

Recruiting and Retention (Pete Jurgens)

Pete announced that RCRV continues to sign up new members recruited by the article in the recent newsletter.

Pete is working a problem with Humana charging wrong rate for pharmaceuticals. Will summarize the situation in an article in the next newsletter

Jim Klein requests that new registrations be forwarded to him for entry into the data base.

Heart of Iowa (Myrna Loehrlein)

No report

St Lukes (Denise Walker)

Denise Walker announced that both St. Lukes and Mercy are accrediting facilities to act as primary stroke rehabilitation centers.

United Way (Mary Klinger)

Mary announced that United Way raised over nine million dollars in its annual campaign. One million eight hundred thousand of that was pledged by Rockwell Collins employees, including sixty four thousand dollars pledged by Collins retirees.

Heritage Agency on Aging (Linda Dearing)

No report.

Aging Services (Carol Luth)

No report.

Jane Boyd (Karl Kassel)

No report.

RSVP (Sara Case)

No report.

Options of Linn County (Wayne Clayton)

In January we had our annual state inspection for the ICF-MR area (area B). We use a lot of RCRV devices in this area. The inspection went very well. We had a number of compliments and no deficiencies. Just the way we like it.

Red Cross (Joan Schaffer)

Joan announced that an adult CPR qualification course will be offered Saturday, March 4th, at the Manville Center. Three sessions will be offered, with an enrolment fee of \$15.00. Accreditation is valid for one year. Training will also be available for operating an automated defibrillator.

Masters of Disasters preparedness sessions, targeted for youth but open to all, will be presented March 11th.

Coe College students designed disaster posters for display at various locations.

REACT (Barb Klaweiter)

No report.

Bridge, Four Oaks (Carol Kalous)

No reports.

Sixth Judicial District (Heidi Soethout)

No reports.

Grant Wood AEA (Ann Griffin)

No Report.

Rockwell Collins (Cindy Dietz)

Thanks for RCRV documentation project for the Traits of Life exhibit at the Science Station. This documentation has started discussion of possible future revenue stream from marketing museum display designs.

Jenny Becker: came to the RCRV meeting Thursday, bringing treats, but so far no one signed up for Engineer's Week projects. Help is still needed.

Green communities program grants announced in last month's minutes are available until the deadline of March 3. Grant applications are available on the Rockwell Collins website.

The Iowa Commission of Volunteer Services is initiating a study intending to learn how recent retirees are volunteering, and how to effectively engage them. They will also survey how tasks requiring volunteer services are evolving. Cindy will keep RCRV updated as more is learned.

Linn Mar Schools submitted Rockwell Collins for a Civic Star volunteer services award. Collins has been selected as one of thirty-four to be recognized. Five awards of \$10000 will be presented 25th Feb in San Diego.

Other Reports:

Science station projects: Traits of Life nearly complete, other projects are pending. Mike Crist, Science Station technical director, intends to visit RCRV to propose specific projects. One suggestion will be to consider adding Mike to the RCRV Board of Directors if RCRV is to continue a significant supporting role for the Science Station.

Old Business:

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

Brennom moved to adjourn. Spencer seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:36 pm.

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

Submitted by Donald Grimm, Secretary.