

Minutes of the RCRV Board of Directors Meeting 6/21/2006

Board Chairman Chuck Wehage determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

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

Approval of the minutes of the May meeting was moved by Jim Green, seconded Mike Wilson, and passed by voice vote.

Program

Darcy Honick, incoming president of St. Luke's Auxiliary, discussed the Festival of Trees. She is an expert on the festival, since the 2006 festival will be her eleventh.

The Festival of Trees is sponsored by St. Luke's Auxiliary. It is the Auxiliary's premier project, with people working on it throughout the entire year. One part-time paid staff person is dedicated to the festival; but most of the work is done by volunteers. Profits from the festival support capital improvements at St. Luke's Hospital. Darcy provided a list of the projects funded by the festival, and the amounts contributed, from 1991 through 2005.

Income from the festival comes from three main sources: sales of the trees, the gala, and admission tickets. In 2005, the Festival of Trees drew about 10,000 people and raised \$80,000 for the neo-natal intensive care unit of the hospital. Ticket sales contributed a little over 25% of the amount raised.

In 2006, the Festival of Trees will be held November 16 through 19. The money raised will go to the DaVinci robotic surgical system. (The total commitment of St. Luke's Auxiliary to this system is \$1.1 million.) It will probably be held at the U. S. Cellular Center, although St. Luke's Auxiliary is investigating other venues, to improve the atmosphere of the festival, eliminate restrictions on their choice of caterer, and reduce cost.

Governor's Volunteer Award

Chuck Wehage showed the Governor's Volunteer Award that he had received on behalf of RCRV at a ceremony on June 14. He plans to have the spelling of the organization's name corrected.

Agency Reports

RSVP:

The election of Angela Berns to the RCRV board was moved by John McDonough, seconded by Rob Thorpe, and passed by voice vote. Angela is the new RSVP program coordinator. Prior to taking the job, she worked at MCI in finance, marketing, and HR. Angela has been an active volunteer since she was 13 years old.

Correctional Services, Heidi Soethout:

The next WRAP meeting will be on July 10.

Heritage Agency on Aging, Linda Dearing:

The SHIP program, with three volunteers from RCRV, held four enrollment events in the five weeks just prior to the Medicare part D enrollment deadline. More events are planned to start in November. Farmers' Market coupons are being distributed to Seniors with low income levels, as a means of promoting healthy diets. The Senior Leadership Institute is continuing, with sessions again this fall. TRIAD is developing a presentation on scams and identity theft.

Hospice of Mercy, Sara Case:

A patient living in a third-floor apartment with a crummy landlord and no money needs help getting things fixed. Action was deferred to the next Community Project Team meeting.

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Heart of Iowa, Myrna Loehrlein:

This was a special "share the joy day" for Myrna. Heart of Iowa is working on a playground project to deepen the fall zone, add a gate, and fix some playground equipment. They need storage for tricycles.

Red Cross, Joan Schaffer:

The Red Cross will be holding volunteer recognition on August 4. They are contemplating the new hurricane season.

Options of Linn County, Wayne Clayton:

During the past month, Option's activity with RCRV has centered on repair of switches. We are currently preparing for updating our accreditation, which occurs every 3 years. RCRV's assistive tech has been a featured asset of ours in past accreditation surveys, and we plan on that again this year.

Committee Reports

Community Projects, John McDonough:

John Wauer and team designed and built a ramp during the last period.

Keith Sutherland agreed to look into designing a ramp for the Safe Place Foundation in SE CR.

I designed a ramp for Aging Services using the ramp that will be removed materials from a ramp in a home in NE CR to a home in NW Cedar Rapids that needs a ramp now. The home owner will build the ramp.

Keith Sutherland is designing a ramp in Marion which is now ready for build. Funding is available. Build should start shortly.

The Modular Ramp Team now has a web based procedure for designing and building of ramps. It is a well written procedure. Good Work. The team designed a steel bracket that could be used to anchor the bottom of the ramp railings securely without digging holes. P and D Welding provided the first prototype at no cost. Remainder parts will cost about \$40 each. Aging Services indicated that they would provide funding for us to get a half a dozen for future ramp builds.

Vern Jackson reported that the moneys have been awarded for the build of a new Observatory to the tune of \$2.5 Million. Build should start shortly.

Several home inspections have been completed for Aging Services.

We are still working on Science Station tasks.

RCRV provided parking attendant, ushers and helpers for getting on and off the stage at Linn-Mar for the recent Governor Award Ceremonies that Sally Pederson performed on behalf of the Governor. We had over 800 folks in attendance at this event. Things really ran smoothly.

Several requests have been made by local nonprofits to help in setting up networks for their computer systems.

We also need to provide a book reviewer for North English's Community Centers Books. June 20, 2006

Communications, Rod Thorpe:

The target for completing the writing of the July newsletter is June 30.

Data Base, Bill Ellis:

The data base is up to date.

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Recruiting and Retention, Pete Jurgens:

Pete has found that some retirees believe they are RCRV members when they really are not. All they need to do is fill out the form, which became a requirement with the change to the RCRV by-laws last year. Members are asked to help spread the word on this. Also, spouses of RCRV members can become members, regardless of whether they were ever employed by Collins or Rockwell.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

The next Board meeting is August 16 at the Red Cross building.

Adjournment was moved by Keith Sutherland, seconded by John McDonough, and carried by voice vote.

Submitted by Keith Sutherland, vice chairman,
updated by Don Grimm, Secretary.