

# Minutes of the RCRV Board of Directors Meeting 9/20/2006

Board Chairman Chuck Wehage determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

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

Approval of the minutes of the June meeting was moved by Pete Jurgens seconded by Rod Thorpe. An Email from Heidi Soethout pointed out that the quoted price for ramp end post frames was \$11.60 rather than \$10.00 as stated in the preliminary minutes. That amendment was accepted, and approval of the amended minutes passed by voice vote.

## Committee Reports

### Community Projects, John McDonough:

Activities have started getting ready for this year's St Lukes sponsored Festival of Trees. Mike Wilson and Pete Jurgens are leading this activity. Pete is building 150 Plexiglas paper holders so that memos, notes, or general information can be placed around the display area. Sixty-two trees are now available to put together. The wall sections need to be repaired and repainted as they have seen better days.

We have been requested to hold a mini Lego League competition during the last day of the exhibit. This is still in the planning stages.

At the request of the Cedar Rapids Fire Department, we are assisting them in the installation of fire alarms in the homes of students that receive free lunches at about a dozen CR elementary schools. The fire alarms have ten year batteries so should function fine for that period of time without need of checking the batteries. 9/23/06 is the date that RCRV as a group will install the alarms and/or batteries. Individuals can help on other Saturdays.

Home Inspections for Aging Services continue. They are in need of more inspectors and have set up 10/19/06 for a training class. If you have an interest to become a home inspector, please contact Sandy Bruns of Aging Services.

The Linn County Trails Association is planning to update the trail's map of Linn County. This will be completed in time for distribution next spring.

We continue to update the web site for the Cultural Corridor.

Jack Murphy delivered four ball throwers to Ann Griffin during this past period.

We, RCRV, now have 126 active members reporting hours. We have volunteered 13,839 hours over the first 6 months of this year. We are again well on our way to exceed our commitment to the Iowa Commission of Volunteer Service of 24,000 hours. Keep up the good work.

Linda Dearing has set up four meeting times for RCRV at the KTOS Center for us to speak to folks needing help with the new Rockwell Collins Insurance Package for 2007. The tentative meeting times are 10/30 @ 10; 10/31 @ 2; and 11/6 @ 10 and 2. The dates are tentative due to us not knowing for sure when the packages will be sent out.

We are making wooden frames that will be used to hold pieces of art for Tanager Place.

We provided support at the Rockwell Collins Volunteer Fair and will have a table at the Assistive Tech Expo that will be held at the KTOS Center again this year.

RCRV continues to support the Science Station, the REACT Center, SHIP counseling, the Lego Mentoring program, Court Mediation, the Salvation Army, Aging Services, the Wheelchair ramp design team (WRAP), and the Heart of Iowa.

We installed a railing for Phyllis Brooks on her steps between the garage and her home. She needed the support to get in and out of her home.

If you can dream it, we can do it.

### Communications, Rod Thorpe:

Dave Gosh is working on possible publicity features with Carry J Hahn and with the AARP national magazine.

Helen Potthoff has agreed to assist with publishing the quarterly newsletters.

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The next newsletter will be published in October. Features will include the Rockwell Collins health insurance briefings at KTOS, notice of the November 8 annual meeting at Red Cross, an article calling attention of the growth of RCRV membership, and articles relating to RCRV projects with Aging Services, Four Oaks, and Options of Linn County.

### **Data Base, Jim Klein:**

No report.

### **Nominating Committee**

Vern, Jack rector, Bob Ocken, and Pete Jurgens have been appointed as the nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for the RCRV Annual Meeting in November. They have begun their work and plan to submit a list of officer candidates for newsletter by 10/5.

### **Recruiting and Retention, Pete Jurgens:**

The number of active RCRV members has continued to build in 2006, and is now near 150. Pete is asking agencies dealing with RCRV volunteers to help direct a record of reported hours and accomplishments to RCRV.

## **Agency Reports**

### **RSVP, Angela Berns:**

No report.

### **Four Oaks Bridge, Carol Kalous**

Vern Jackson reported he and Jack Rector are teaching a new geography class with 20+ students. Enthusiasm is high, with the students eager to learn more about the world in which they live.

The Four Oaks Bridge now serves 39 children from single-parent homes, but can still use more volunteers. The greatest needs are for math tutoring and help with spelling homework.

### **United Way, Mary Klinger**

New campaign is under way. Letters are being sent to the RCRV membership list provided to them for that purpose.

### **Correctional Services, Heidi Soethout:**

No report

### **Heritage Agency on Aging, Linda Dearing:**

Linda thanked RCRV for help on a number of projects, and mentioned John Wauer, Bob Ocken, and Tom Brennom among those making significant contributions.

Heritage is planning six Enrolment events in the coming months.

October 30, 31, and November 6 have been planned for Rockwell Collins retiree health care briefings. Shipp volunteers will make presentations on Medicare D Oct 23, 25, Nov 13.

Heritage now has expanded into three buildings, and has added staff to handle new programs.

### **Hospice of Mercy, Sara Case:**

No report

### **Heart of Iowa, Myrna Loehrlein:**

No report

### **Aging Services, Inc., Carol Luth:**

No report

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## **Red Cross, Joan Schaffer:**

A World AIDS day event is planned for December 7. Retirees have an opportunity to attend and contribute.

Joan briefly described a change the National Red Cross organization is promulgating. It features a simplified training program.

## **Options of Linn County, Wayne Clayton:**

1. Abilities in Action Conference/Assistive Tech Expo is scheduled Wednesday, Oct 11, at KTOS. Options will join RCRV at a table displaying a number of job accommodations created by RCRV. Time is 8:30-4:00.

2. Options Open House is scheduled Thursday Nov 9 at Options of Linn County, 1019 7th St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA. Time is 6:30-8:30pm. This is our 40th anniversary. There will be treats and tours of our program. A number of job accommodations created by RCRV will be on display.

Thanks for all you do.

## **St Lukes Rehab, Denise Walker**

The hospital census has been extremely high. Rehabilitation Services volume has also been running high.

This fall Rehabilitation Services will be renamed Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation to signify added scope.

Renovation is under way throughout the sixth floor of the hospital.

A donated automobile will be placed in the sixth floor rehabilitation gym area to provide practice environment for patients and clients.

## **Rockwell Collins Report, Cindy Dietz**

Jenny Becker is now a full time employee working K12 programs for community awareness of RC support. A new K12 program coordinator will be needed to replace Jenny.

The Hands across America active employee campaign raised \$2.34 million against goal of \$2 million. Employees pledged 88400 volunteer hours. Employees locally donated \$1.8 M, and 18000 hours.

Thanks to John Wauer who helped publicize the FLY COLLINS sign. Sales raised \$7000.

At a recent Project Lead the Way meeting, Willard Jenkins of John Deere expressed an interest in promulgating RCRV-like activity with John Deere.

## **Old Business**

None.

## **New Business**

There are several topics that may merit an update meeting with Rockwell Collins management. Liability and liability insurance coverage is one topic that has never been satisfactorily addressed. Chairman Wehage will initiate a plan to set up a session.

## **Adjournment**

The next Board meeting is October 18th at the Red Cross building.

John McDonough moved to adjourn, seconded by Pete Jurgens, approved by voice vote.

Submitted by Don Grimm, Secretary.