

Minutes of the RCRV Board of Directors Meeting 10/18/2006

Board Chairman Chuck Wehage determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

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

Approval of the minutes of the September meeting was moved by Bill Ellis & seconded by John McDonough. Approval of the minutes as published passed by voice vote.

Chairman Wehage announced that the Annual Meeting of RCRV will be held on November 8, 2006 at 1:30pm in the Board Room of the Red Cross building, Cedar Rapids.

Committee Reports

Community Projects, John McDonough:

Board of Directors Meeting Oct 2006 Kay Parch of the Mississippi Regional Blood Center of Davenport is looking for drivers to transport freshly drawn blood to Davenport. They will pay volunteers \$0.455 per mile. Contact Kay at: kparch@mvrbc.com if you have an interest.

RCRV has again taken on the responsibility of Site Manager for the St Lukes Festival of Trees program. Mike Wilson and Pete Jurgens will assume the responsibility. This is a major program for St Lukes and us.

- The wall sections that are stored in a garage on N Center Point Road in Cedar Rapids need to be reworked. They now have another garage close to the storage garage in which they can rework the damaged wall sections. They need help with this activity.
- They are building or have built tree mounting bases, and notice holding plastic placards that can be mounted in various locations in the display area.
- They need lots of help between now and the Festival setup at the US Cellular Center. Mike has passed around info for scheduling the various events. Please sign up on the applicable schedules if you can help.

We continue to mentor in various elementary and middle schools in the area for the Lego Robotics program.

We are helping the fire department install fire alarms at various schools in the area. The alarms are being given to parents of students that are a part of the morning and noon free lunch program. One will be installed in each bedroom in their homes. The alarms as well as the batteries are guaranteed for 10 years; so they will need to be replaced after ten years.

We continue to help seniors in their usage of computers at MethWick and will start a similar program at Cottage Grove Place if we can get some volunteers.

Several RCRV SHIP Counselors participated in a training update yesterday at St Lukes Women's Center. The training was conducted by Patty Price of the Des Moines SHIP office.

The Assistive Tech Fair was held last week at the KTOS Center. We participated with Options of Linn County as well as with GWAEA.

We are working on the Linn County Trails Assn's new map.

We built a couple of ramps this past month:

Salem United Methodist requested our help with a ramp for one of their parishioners living in a modular home in Hiawatha. We designed it and led the build activity. The ramp was built in about 3 hours due to the number of helpers.

We built one on Antelope Ct NE

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One for Mercy, one for St Lukes and one from University Hospitals have been requested.

We now have about 15 brackets that are used with our ramp designs. With the use of the bracket, all digging involved with ramp installation can be eliminated. The bracket is used at the bottom of each ramp to hold the bottom two posts secure.

If you can dream it, we can do it.

Communications, Rod Thorpe:

The newsletter has been printed and is expected to be mailed within the next week.

Data Base, Jim Klein:

Minor updates to the database were made for address changes. Provided the mailing list for the October issue of the newsletter.

We still have not resolved how to handle duplicate issues of the newsletter that are sent to husbands and wives who are both Collins retirees.

Nominations, Vern Jackson:

The committee has completed a list of candidates for RCRV offices. The nominees have been listed in the current newsletter.

An open discussion was held regarding the news reports about the financial troubles of the Science Station. No conclusions were reached.

Agency Reports

Red Cross, Joan Schaffer:

The 2006 Annual Report of the Grant Wood Chapter has been published. Copies were made available to attendees.

The Red Cross has initiated a weekly Saturday blood drive, in order to reach those who work during the week and were not available to contribute during the normal Monday blood drive.

The World AIDS benefit will be held in December.

Sixth Judicial District, Heidi Soethout:

The next Ramp meeting will be held at 9:30am on November 6.

Corrections will hold a blood drive at their facility on October 31.

Heart of Iowa, Myrna Loehrlein:

Heart of Iowa is in the midst of inspections. Our license was due Sept 1, but the licensure visit was delayed because of our roof leak. We are also trying to qualify for level two on the state Quality Rating System. To do that, we have joined a federal food program - with paper work to choke a horse (pun intended). We are also having health and safety inspections and will receive the report on Thursday.

The Director, Assistant Director, Sara, and I attended the conference of the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children and presented on the topic "When Mom and Dad Use Drugs."

St Lukes Rehab, Denise Walker:

No report.

Old Business

None.

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New Business

Chairman Wehage announced the recent passing of a Rockwell retiree, Jim Kempema, in Michigan.

Adjournment

The next Board meeting is November 8th at the Red Cross building.

Rod Thorp moved to adjourn, seconded by John McDonough, approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 2:06pm.

Submitted by Jim Green, Secretary Pro Tem, formatted and updated with submitted reports by Don Grimm