

Minutes of the RCRV Board of Directors Meeting 02/21/2007

Board Chairman Jim Green determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM.

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

Approval of the minutes of the January meeting, with corrections as follows, was moved by Mike Wilson, seconded by Chuck Wehage.

Page 1 Paragraph 2: Twenty-seem should be Twenty-some.

Page 1 Paragraph 11: four oaks should be Four Oaks.

Page 1 Paragraph 12: Period needed at end of last sentence.

The motion passed by voice vote.

Program

Heidi Soethout, leader of the Wheelchair Ramp Accessibility Program (WRAP) committee, presented the history and status of the WRAP activities. The WRAP coalition appears to be a unique collaboration, involving the Department of Corrections, labor unions, human-services agencies, service clubs, churches, and, of course, RCRV.

Committee Reports

Community Projects, John McDonough (absent, via e-mail):

As a highlight of 2006, RCRV volunteered 30,000 hours as reported to RSVP. This does not include a lot of hours that are volunteered with the RC K-12 program.

This past month, RCRV Thursday morning meetings drew an average of 18 participants.

Captain Hayman of the Salvation Army stopped in to thank us for our support. They collected over \$500,000 this past Christmas Season with the Kettle collections.

We continue to support Aging Services, Heritage, Eastern Iowa Observatory in Linn County. We are providing support to both Linn and Jones County RSVP programs with members on their advisory council. We have members volunteering by tutoring and mentoring students of Linn-Mar, Cedar Rapids, the College Community and the Catholic Schools in the community.

Four Oaks Bridge needs more volunteers to assist with the needs of the after school students at their facility. Jack Rector and Vern Jackson are teaching the students about the universe as well as geography.

SHIIP needs more volunteers. If you have an interest, contact Angela of RSVP. RCRV currently has 7 active SHIIP Counselors for the State Insurance Department.

RCRV repaired lots of switches for Options and New Horizons.

Country Traveler will be providing a 2 minute spot this week on KGAN TV 6 o'clock news of RCRV Assistive Devices In Action during a class at Linn-Mar.

Arlo Meyer is building 5 more book cases for Wright Schools. He has already completed 3.

RCRV will act as guides for new technical employees one lunch hour per month.

It is expected that in the near future, the WRAP Program will be designing 5 ramps per month. We will need to train more folks to handle this effort.

Jack Murphy completed 14 Trebuchets (catapults) for College Community this past week.

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Communications, Rod Thorpe (absent):

Rod had prepared a press release announcing the tenth anniversary of RCRV. It was retracted after he left for vacation because it does not appear that RCRV is actually 10 years old. After considerable discussion, June 10, 1999 was agreed to be the date on which RCRV was started.

A videotape was made in the past week for KGAN's Iowa Traveler, showing the items made for adaptive physical education by RCRV. People involved in the taping included Cary J. Hahn and Ann Griffith.

Data Base, Jim Klein:

Bill Ellis and I will update the database based on returned newsletters later this week. There are about 40 changes.

The database has been updated for address changes that were received via email and voice mail. Thanks go those who forward those changes to me.

I will make the April newsletter mailing labels before I leave and send them to Cindy Dietz.

I will be in Florida from February 26th to around May 1st.

Recruiting and Retention, Pete Jurgens:

No report.

Agency Reports

Correctional Services, Heidi Soethout:

No report other than the information provided in the program.

Heart of Iowa, Myrna Loehrlein:

Things have been quiet. They had a "sort of class" who had been waiting for transitional housing, and these people are now moving in.

Heritage Agency on Aging, Linda Dearing:

To be ready in case Rockwell Collins drops prescription-drug coverage for retirees, room 100 at KTOS has been reserved for seven days in October so SHIP counselors can present the changes and options to those affected. Reservation of computers labs at around the same time is underway.

Two RCRV Volunteers participated in training for TRIAD/SMP to present a program on Medicare fraud and abuse. A total of about eight presenters is needed.

Heritage is working with the Healthy Linn Care Network to present sessions on how to deal with chronic diseases.

Options of Linn County (Wayne Clayton):

1. Dick K repaired a power source that enables consumers to activate electrical devices with a switch.
2. John W and Chuck W are looking at a project intended to help a consumer be consistently accurate with an envelope stamper.
3. I am in contact with Russ S regarding an envelope stuffing device he designed a couple of years ago for another agency.

Red Cross, Joan Schaffer:

March is Red Cross month, with numerous activities planned. Also, many training classes are available, including the training for Disaster Action Teams, "Masters of Disaster", and CPR/AED, especially on

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Save-a-Life day, March 24. Some of the classes are available as “blended learning”, with the knowledge portion taken on-line, and the skills portions taken in a classroom.

United Way, Mary Klinger:

The United Way recently concluded its annual fundraising drive, raising \$9.4 million, which is an increase of 4.4% over last year. Rockwell retirees contributed \$57K, up \$5K from last year.

Old Business

A presentation to Rockwell Collins management will occur March 13 at 10:00 AM. RCRV participants will include the available officers, committee chairs, Mike Wilson, and Jack Hotchkiss. Jim Green will make the presentation. At the meeting, RCRV will volunteer to help the company celebrate its 75th anniversary.

A discussion was held on the desirability of obtaining 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. It was determined that there did not appear to be a current need, so no action was taken.

New Business

There was a discussion about how to measure dollars saved as a result of RCRV activities. No action was taken.

Adjournment

The next Board meeting is March 21 at the Red Cross building. With the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman, Chuck Wehage will chair the meeting.

Submitted by Keith Sutherland, vice chairman.