

Minutes of the RCRV Board of Directors Meeting 08/15/2007

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In the absence of board chairman Jim Green and vice chairman Keith Sutherland, past president Chuck Wehage conducted the meeting. He determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM.

Sixteen members and guests signed the attendance list.

Rod Thorpe moved approval of the minutes as published on the web site, seconded by John McDonough. The motion was approved.

Program

No program today. Linda Derringer volunteered to do a program on November 14. Mary Klinger volunteered to do a program on September 19.

Committee Reports

Community Projects, John McDonough:

- Art Roderick was named one of the Freedom Festivals 2007 Heros.
- Moved all the WRAP ramp materials from Aging Services and Jack Hotchkiss' home to St Lukes Storage Building on A Avenue NE.
- RCRV worked on the PA system for the Linn County Fair folks in Central City.
- Washed and painted a modular home at Squaw Creek Village. The owner was told to move out if something was not done to the appearance. Later she requested help in repairing the floors in the home that were rotting out do to the roof leaking. We passed on this opportunity.
- We continue to volunteer for SHIIP, REACT, Aging Services, Grant Wood AEA, WRAP, Salvation Army, the Free Clinic, ICVS, Options of Linn County, Linn County Observatory, and Learning Center.
- We volunteered 13,590 hours for Jan thru Jul. At this rate, we will not meet our 35,000-hour commitment for this years volunteering. We need more volunteers.
- We built eight paper tri-folders.
- We built several ramps, and performed several site visits for the WRAP program.
- Patricia Kucera of Pierce Elementary will be honored in November during an IEEE Meeting in Boston as the winner of the Pre-University Educators Award.
- RCRV needs to get a sign that says "Constructed by RCRV Volunteers" that we can place in the yards of the homes that we are working on.
- Hours can now be reported in seven categories via a link on our website as well as with the old method of doing it at the last Community Projects meeting of the month.
- We are working on several displays for the sensory trail at Miracles in Motion. We are building an arch, and a Bridge that will hold two volunteers walking beside a 2-ton horse. No deadline that we are aware of.
- Jim Green did a 7-minute TV spot for Kirkwood College on RCRV. It airs Thu, Fri Sat and Sun on Channel 11 at 7:30.
- If you can dream it, we can do it.

Communications, Rod Thorpe:

Rod called for October newsletter articles, due early in the month. A SHIP announcement will be included.

Rod noted that Jim Green did a good job on the Heritage TV interview program on KCKK.

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RSVP is going to sponsor yard signs designed by Kathy Swanson for placing on RCRV jobsites. They were shown for comment at this meeting and will be shown at the 8/16 Community Projects meeting.

The Governors Awards program is scheduled October 22 at Lin Mar High School. RCRV will receive recognition for some items. RCRV will provide some of the ushers and monitors during the ceremony.

Rockwell Collins was asked to fund a new RCRV recruiting brochure. The request is being reviewed.

Data Base, Jim Klein:

The database has been updated for the new retiree list (for the months of January – April) from Rockwell Collins. The database has also been updated based on the obituaries from Wilma Shadle and for the changes requested by the messages left on the RCRV voice mail.

The address changes from the July newsletter mailing have not been made yet. Due to schedule and travel conflicts, these changes will not be made until late August or early September.

Recruiting and Retention, Pete Jurgens:

No report

Rockwell Collins, Cindy Dietz:

No report.

Agency Reports

Aging Services, Carol Luth:

Aging Services will be hosting a Vision Enhancement Center open house September 26 from 12:00 to 6:00 PM. Discounts will be offered on CCTV reading machines and on amplified phones. There will be opportunities to try out scanning machines, computer enlargement programs, and other equipment.

Theresa Robinson is now working 10 hours per week as intake coordinator for WRAP.

Correctional Services, Heidi Soethout:

The following written report was submitted by Email following the Board meeting.

Volunteer Assistance Program

The moratorium on volunteer opportunities in Linn County is still in place due to agency re-organization.

Community Service Program

Group projects take place occasionally based on staff availability. One-on-one placements with local non-profits and governmental agencies take place regularly.

Polish Delegation

Hosted 15 Polish dignitaries interested in community based corrections during the week of July 9th. We had a great time sharing and learning from each other.

Four Oaks Bridge, Carol Kalous:

No report.

Grant Wood AEA, Ann Griffin:

No report.

Heart of Iowa, Myrna Loehrlein:

The application for a level-two rating by the Iowa Quality Rating System reported last month has been approved. Heart of Iowa is now a Two-Star facility and is proud of it.

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The childcare capacity limitations reported last month have intensified to the point that clients with children being excluded. Heart of Iowa is now looking at the possibility of finding childcare resources off site.

Numerous successful field trips were completed without incident this summer.

The current Heart of Iowa director is resigning effective September 7.

Heritage Agency on Aging, Linda Dearing:

Senior Leadership Institute—currently there are 14 people signed up for the sessions.

Elder Abuse Conference—September 26. Triad members—including several from RCRV—are volunteering and will attend the conference at no charge. There are a limited number of scholarships available for seniors. We could use a few more volunteers.

Medicare Part D—room 100 is reserved on several days in October for presentations. Pete Jurgens, Bob King, Alan Maas, and I will be presenters. Getting the Rockwell Collins decision on next year's retiree insurance offering is crucial to organizing the presentations.

Computer labs are reserved at KTOS for several times in beginning November 16 and ending on December 18 for enrollment events including one evening session.

Hospice of Mercy, Sara Case:

No report.

Jane Boy Community House, Karl Cassell:

No report.

New Horizons, Mark Beason:

No report.

Options of Linn County, Wayne Clayton:

Our director recently gave a presentation for the county board of supervisors and other department heads. The talk focused on how we serve our consumers and featured a couple of devices designed by RCRV. It is good to know we enjoy such support for these job adaptations throughout Options and that people are very appreciative of RCRV's efforts.

REACT, Barb Klawiter:

No report.

Red Cross, Joan Schaffer:

Joan turned numerous obituaries received from Wilma Shadle over to Bill Ellis for the data base committee.

Joan handed out copies of the current Red Cross newsletter. In her lead article, Grant Wood chapter CEO Angela Schmucker announced initiatives to combine some infrastructure with the Hawkeye chapter in Waterloo. These will include fundraising, service delivery, partnership opportunities, and enhanced visibility.

New training sessions are being programmed for this fall. The schedule is available at the Red Cross office.

In a conscious policy shift, the Red Cross has become more active in sending crews to disaster sites early before full scope of damage and distress is known.

Joan is new director for recruitment, and may include RCRV through RSVP in recruiting activities.

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RSVP, Barbara Hoffman:

Barbara Hoffman brought examples of work site signs (See Communications report, by Rod Thorpe, above.) These were reviewed by the board, and a favorite was chosen, based on clarity and simplicity to make it more effective for casual drive-by observers.

WRAP, Angela Berns:

No report.

St. Luke's Hospital, Denise Walker:

No report.

United Way, Mary Klinger:

- Gearing up to launch our annual campaign
- Kickoff is scheduled Wednesday, August 29, 8:00 AM, Yellow Book USA, 6300 C St SW.
- William B. Quarton Society "Rock the City" bus tour will allow donors to see firsthand how UW contributions are helping. Next tour is Wednesday, September 12. To participate contact Mary Klinger at 398-5372 extension 32.

Don Grimm moved to make the RCRV mailing list available with the same terms, conditions, and limitations as last year. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Chuck Wehage gave a report on Rockwell-Collins offer of a \$10k contribution to be applied to RCRV approved charitable projects. This offer was made in lieu of matching contributions for retiree charitable donations. The ad hoc steering committee met 8/13 to discuss whether to accept this offer and how it might be administered. Tentative policy guidelines were discussed. The ad hoc committee asked that the proposal be addressed by the RCRV Board of Directors.

Mike Wilson moved, and John McDonough seconded the motion, to authorize Chairman Jim Green to appoint an ad hoc committee to propose implementation guidelines and to recommend accepting or rejecting the Rockwell-Collins proposal to the Board of Directors.

Jack Murphy asked whether RCRV wants to take the responsibility for making the allocation decisions. Myrna Loehrlein suggested that the program would need to be managed on a very transparent basis, with well-defined criteria for qualifying for the award, and be widely publicized. Jim Spencer suggested the money could be used for matching contributions from RCRV members.

Motion to appoint the committee was approved.

Rod Thorpe suggested that the entire active membership of RCRV be invited to submit comments to the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

The next Board meeting is September 19th at the Red Cross building.

Submitted by Don Grimm, Secretary.