

Minutes of the RCRV Board of Directors Meeting 05/21/2008

These minutes were approved at the August 20, 2008 board meeting.

Board Vice-Chairman Rod Thorpe called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM.

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

Approval of the minutes of the April meeting was moved by Vern Jackson, seconded by Arlo Meyer, and passed unanimously.

Program

Ann Scott presented information on the Marion Churches Senior Living Community Foundation. The foundation was established by twelve Marion churches to build housing for low-income seniors. Starting from pledges from the churches and a gift of land, the foundation was able to obtain a grant to build Moundview Manor in 2000. It includes 40 600-square-foot one-bedroom apartments which are rented to low-income seniors for 1/3 of their income, up to the qualification income of \$27,000 per year. In 2004, Scott Meadows, a second unit, was added, with 32 units. These units have the same income qualification, but their rent is not subsidized. A third building with 40 units will be opened in August of this year.

The complex has three REACT computers in each building. Terry Canning has been providing counseling on Medicare issues, and Tax Aid helps people with their income taxes. The foundation is looking for a few interested people to serve on the board of directors.

Old Business

Rob Thorpe reviewed the background of the RCRV Charitable Grant program and the policy proposed to implement it. Approval of the policy, which is attached to these minutes, was moved by Keith Sutherland, seconded by Jim Klein, and approved unanimously.

New Business

Vern Jackson nominated Mary Beth Minges, director of the Four Oaks Bridge, to the RCRV board of directors. The nomination was seconded by Pete Jurgens and approved unanimously.

Rockwell-Collins Report

Cindy Dietz reported that:

- RCRV was signed up for the Assistive Technology Expo.
- Applications for Rockwell-Collins grants to support Lego League teams are available on the Iowa State FLL web site. Rockwell-Collins plans to sponsor all existing teams, plus an additional 100 teams in Iowa.
- Rockwell-Collins is working on the Hands Across America campaign.
- Rockwell-Collins has noted the concerns of their employees and retirees about the funding changes being made by the United Way. One way of addressing some of these concerns is donor-directed contributions.

Approval to release the RCRV mailing list for the upcoming United Way campaign was moved by Jim Klein, seconded by Bill Ellis, and passed by voice vote.

Committee Reports

Membership, Pete Jurgens:

Membership is at 184 members, 83 of whom have turned in hours in the past six months. No members have joined in the past six months.

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Communications, Chuck Wehage (absent):

No report.

Data Base, Jim Klein:

The mailing list for the winter newsletter was updated with the retirees for January and February 2008 via wireless Internet available at campgrounds while Jim was traveling.

Bill Ellis and Jim updated the database for the obituaries from Wilma Shadle and for the returned newsletters from the mailing of the winter newsletter.

The March and April retiree lists will be incorporated in the database for the mailing list for the spring issue of the newsletter.

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

RCRV's annual appreciation event was a success. Lots of fun with a lot of attendees. Bingo and Top notch food. Thanks to Barb and Judy for all the efforts in putting together this event.

We still need folks to participate in the upcoming SHIIP training in Des Moines. Mercy and Witwer still need people to help with their programs.

The Eastern Iowa Observatory and Learning Center (EIOLC) at the Palisades had their open house this past week. Approximately 350 attendees visited the new facility located on Ivanhoe Road in Linn County south of Mount

Vernon. RCRV folks spent lots of hours prior to the event in preparation to the large crowds.

The Governor's Award Ceremonies will be held in Waterloo this summer.

The 4 Oaks Bridge needs volunteers for tutoring and mentoring.

We have volunteered 5562 hours through the first quarter. A little below expectations probably due to the weather conditions in that time frame.

The Disabled American Veteran's (DAV) need volunteer drivers to drive CR vets to the VA Hospital in Iowa City.

Seminal Valley Park needs volunteers to help at the farm museum.

We continue to volunteer at TRIAD, REACT, WRAP, EIOLC, Meth-Wick, SHIIP, IEEE, Kiwanis, Anamosa Flood Watch with local Ham Operators, Science Station repair, Pierce School, Johnson School, and Hiawatha Elementary School.

Jack Hotchkiss is in room 594 at St Lukes with pneumonia.

Kay Nelson is at home recovering from a bicycle accident with the highway due to the wind. She is doing good!

Partner Agency Reports

Aging Services, Carol Luth:

Carol and Sandy Bruns presented on home safety and emergency preparedness to the Governor's Council on Aging.

Carol has taken a new job with the Vision Enhancement Center. The Vision Enhancement Center will have an open house June 4 from 2:00 to 5:00. They have received a Hall-Perrine grant to fund a scanning laser ophthalmoscope and an "Activities of Daily Living Training Room". Bob Ocken set up the point-of-sale software for the Vision Enhancement Center. Carol's new contact information is carol.luth@gmail.com and 364-2311.

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WRAP, Angela Berns and Heidi Soethout:

WRAP activity has increased significantly, with 11 ramp requests in the past week. Angela is attempting to hire a new intake coordinator. WRAP business cards are available to WRAP volunteers.

Heritage Agency on Aging, Linda Dearinger:

The Senior Leadership Institute is intended to help increase interest in volunteering. It might want to have a session on K-12 programs and how volunteers are used in them. There will be a committee meeting June 2 at Heritage to help define the program.

Red Cross, Joan Schaffer:

Joan's last day as a Red Cross employee is July 1. We should try to find someone else with the Red Cross to join the RCRV board.

RSVP, Barbara Hoffman

RSVP now has 548 members, with 20 new, of which 7 are from RCRV.

Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services is a new partner agency with RSVP.

As a recruiting incentive, providing Barbara with the name of a person who becomes and RSVP volunteers will get you entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card.

Options of Linn County, Wayne Clayton (absent, via e-mail):

This month we have welcomed several new consumers transitioning in from high schools. One of these needed help remembering to feed one piece of paper at a time into the shredder. To help with that, we set her up with a transparency feeder that Dick Kittrell adapted for us. This presents one sheet of paper at a time to the consumer. So far, so good.

Adjournment

The next Board meeting is June 18 at the Red Cross building. The speaker planned is Libby Jensen from the Willis Dady Emergency Shelter.

Submitted by Keith Sutherland, substitute secretarial assistant.