

Minutes of the RCRV Board of Directors Meeting April 15, 2009

These minutes were approved at the May 20, 2009 board meeting.

TIME AND LOCATION: 1:30pm; Vision In Motion office, 3255 Williams Blvd. SW, Cedar Rapids.

PRESENT:

RCRV members Rod Thorp, Jim Klein, Chuck Wehage, Jim Spencer, Les Haerther, Mike Wilson, Arlo Meyer, John McDonough, Faye Spading, Bob Ocken, Kay Nelson, Judy Wirth, Keith Sutherland, Don Grimm, Jim Green
Community Service Agency members: Carol Luth, Mary Beth Mingus, Wayne Clayton, Tonya Arnold

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairman, Jim Green, determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm. 19 members were present.

MINUTES

Mike Wilson moved, and Les Haerther seconded that the minutes of the March 18, 2009 board meeting be approved as printed on the RCRV website. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION

Carol Luth introduced the Board to the operation and services provided by Vision In Motion, a non-profit agency that serves clients with low vision, neurological (vision impaired) and other vision related disorders. VIM serves clients of all ages. The clinic is the only model of its kind in the state. Vision In Motion is staffed by Carol, a nurse, and two occupational therapists. A doctor is available on a part-time basis. Terese Malloy, one of the OT's, assisted Carol in demonstrating several of the therapy devices available at VIM. She also pointed out a number of benches, tables, and stools that RCRV member Arlo Meyer had built for the clinic. VIM is currently involved in a study of dry macular degeneration sponsored by NovaVision. They are one of eight nationwide sites chosen to participate in this research project. VIM is also the first in the state to offer vision restoration therapy.

The board members were given a tour of the clinic, and they were treated to snacks that were supportive of good eyesight.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Green reminded the members that the deadline for applications for the RCRV Charitable Grant program is May 1st at 5:00pm.

PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS

1. Options of Linn County- Wayne

Projects: Envelope stuffer : worksite consumer is using the device now. Doing well
Conveyor belt project: worksite consumer is using the device now. Doing well
Cash register simulation: just about ready for a try-out.

Upcoming event: On Apr 24 at 6:45 Options awards night will take place at St. Jude's Parish Center. We honor consumers for their achievements. This year we will also honor RCRV for 10 years of service to the organization.

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2. **SHIIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program) Tonya Arnold**

Tonya announced that the SHIIP and Advantage volunteers won the St. Luke's Volunteer Award- "Excellence in Promoting Teamwork as a Group." Barbara Baird and Don Grimm are two new RCRV members to join the SHIIP team.

3. **RSVP- Barbara Hoffman** sent the following report for the minutes.

- Ten new RSVP members in March including 4 RCRV members
- Held a quarterly birthday party for January, February and March and several RCRV members attended.
- Submitted a grant for St. Luke's Rural Health Care Foundation Grant for Jones County's Elderly Outreach Transportation Program.

RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. **Community Projects- John McDonough**

RCRV April 2009 Community Projects Board Report

Mike Wilson, Bill Lauvengayer and myself visited the Children's Museum at Coralville Mall with Deb Dunkhase and Marcia Hughes to see what they had in mind for the Aviation Display. They have a large area that they are currently working on with plans to open in the near future. They would like designs from us, not the actual build. We currently are working on a couple of areas that they need. Deb will visit us once more to see if she can get folks interested in helping with their design activities.

Grant applications from nonprofits that provide Senior Services are due by May 1, 2009 at 5 PM. So far, no applications have been received.

The treadmill / shredder effort at United Fire and Casualty for a consumer of Options of Linn County is up and running thanks to Dick Kittrell.

Cliff Koop has completed over 30 Astronaut boards for the Witwer Therapy Center and GWAEA.

If you happen to have an extra Converter Coupon, Abbe Center still needs more converters for their population.

Ramp design and build has started up in full force with a couple of ramps designed and built as well as at least one stairway to a deck adjacent to a lift.

More SHIIP counselors are needed. Witwer, Heritage, Mercy Medical Center as well as Jones County RSVP need more help. Please get with me if you have an interest.

Money Smart starts on the 21st at the Guaranty Bank for the TRIAD people making presentations.

60 PVC telephones have been delivered to the Wright Elementary Kindergarten student so they can read to themselves.

REACT / RCRV Picnic will be held April 30, 2009 from 5 'til 8 at Squaw Creek Prairie Oak Lodge. Same place as last year. This is on Thursday evening this year do to the economics. Cheaper rate for a weeknight!!

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We will receive an award from Options of Linn County on the 24th for 10 years of working with them on their special needs projects.

2 people are currently ½ ways through with SHIP training in Des Moines. This will make 14 SHIP counselors from RCRV.

We continue to support such programs as EIOLC, REACT, LCTA, SCORE, TRIAD, SHIP, RSVP, and the Community Free Clinic.

If you can dream it, we can do it.

2. Database- Jim Klein

No database committee action this past month.

3. Recruiting/Retention- Pete Jurgens

- Received four new RCRV applications in March
- 103 members reported 1,806 hours for the month
- 49 projects were completed
- March 2009 Impact statement added as an addendum.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Green adjourned the meeting at 2:45p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held May 20 at 1:30 at the Red Cross Building. Vic Klopfenstein, representing the Freedom Foundation, will be the featured speaker.

Minutes taken by
Jim Green, Chairman

Minutes compiled by
Barbara Hoffman, Secretary

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Hours **MARCH** **Administrative & Leadership**

32	Board of Directors	RCRV, Salvation Army, RSVP
77	RCRV Projects meeting	
57	Other	Civil Air Patrol
	Assistive Technology & Maintenance Support	
18	Grant Wood AEA	
63	Options of Linn County	Treadmill/shredder, other
	Other	
	Construction & Design	
65	Construction	D. Brooks kitchen, Vision in Motion kitchen cabinets, Science Station
	Education	
	4 Oaks Bridge	
5	Eastern Iowa Observatory	
	Lego League	
42	Rockwell K-12 program	Westfield Elementary, Pierce, Wright
86	Tutoring	Linn-Mar HS math, Grant Wood, Hiawatha, Johnson, Erskine
25	Other	Hiawatha Library, Webelos' badge, Children's museum, Science Fair judging
	Elderly Services	
10	Aging Services	
1	Heritage	
9	Methwick	gift shop, other
53	Other	resident advocate, assist computer, DTV converter box help
4.5	Companionship Outreach	Willow gardens
	RSVP Partner Agencies	
130/49	SHIIP/Advantage	
46	SCORE	
50	Catherine McAuley	tutor, projects
6	Salvation Army	
3	American Red Cross	
94	Tax Assistance- AARP & VITA	
21	HACAP	
	Cultural	
20	Small Claims Court	
59	REACT	
10	WRAP	
90	St. Luke's Hospital	
14	Meals on Wheels	Hiawatha Meal Delivery
44.5	Food Banks	Linn Community Food Bank, Marion food Pantry
108	Jones County	SHIIP, Transportation, Food pantry, Nursing home advocate, meals on wheels, tutor- elementary, Community health
90	Disaster Recovery	carpentry, rebuild, Science Center Exhibit restore
	Miscellaneous	
20	Miscellaneous	crocheting ,Grinnell area housing, funeral homes, plus others

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65	Church	church website & computers, Inter Religious council, bible delivery plus other
57	Cultural	Grinnell Historical Museum, Coggon Historical Museum, CR Symphony, Granger House, Concert Association
124	Health related	Community Health Free Clinic, Mercy hospital, hospice, St. Lukes' children-Witwer, American Cancer Society
141	Other non-profits	Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Cedar Valley Humane Society, Girl Scouts, Embroider's Guild, Collins Museum, LCTA other
32	Service Organizations	American Legion Aux., Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, ElKahir shrine membership
Number of Projects	Agencies	Projects
7	Disaster Recovery	carpentry, installing a sub floor, Science station reptile 6/8 cylinders now working, flood clean-up at St. Patrick's church, installation of cabinets and grab bars in bathroom, interior woodworking
24	TV conversions	65 total have been completed
13	St. Luke's Witwer Center	29 total
5	Grant Wood AEA VIM	pill boxes, kitchen cabinets
	Options of Linn County	
	New Horizons	
1	Other	Exercise switch for Special education class in Anamosa, replacing capacitors on computer backplanes (many)
4	Presentations	SHIIP "Welcome to Medicare" Money Smart Week
103	members reporting	total to date- 138 members reporting
1,806	Hours	total to date- 6,812 donated hours
49	Projects	