

Minutes of the RCRV Board of Directors Meeting September 16, 2009

Note: These minutes were approved at the October 21 board meeting.

1:30 P.M. Red Cross Building

PRESENT

RCRV members: Rod Thorpe, Don Grimm, Chuck Wehage, Arlo Meyer, Bill Ellis, Mike Wilson, Jim Spencer, Keith Sutherland, John McDonough, Bob Ocken, Jack Murphy, Vern Jackson, Tom Brennom

Community Service Agency members: Wayne Clayton, Carol Luth, Linda Dearing, Missy Hall, Heidi Soethout, Barbara Hoffman

Guest: Tara Youells

CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice-Chairman, Rod Thorpe, determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. 19 members were present.

PROGRAM

Tara Youells, Volunteer Coordinator, for Hospice of Mercy presented a program about Hospice and the Hospice House of Mercy. There are three non-profit hospices in the area; Mercy Hospice, St. Luke's Hospice and one in Iowa City. It is required that 5% of services come from volunteers. Hospice of Mercy has 150 active volunteers that gave 12,000 hours last year. There are many ways to volunteer. Some of them are: visiting patients, delivering medicine, staff front desk at Hospice House, clerical and computer work. Hospice is a special kind of care designed to ensure that each person's final days are lived with joy and meaning, as free from pain and other symptoms as possible, with a focus on physical, emotional and spiritual care. Traditionally, the goal of hospice is to allow patients to die with serenity in their own homes, but for some patients that isn't possible or desirable. For those patients, the Hospice House provides a place of comfort, care and compassion. It also gives a temporary home for those whose caregivers need a time of respite.

MINUTES

Don Grimm moved to accept the August 19, 2009 RCRV board minutes as posted on the RCRV website. Chuck Wehage seconded. Motion: carried

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS

1. Linda Dearing- Heritage Agency on Aging

Linda reviewed the registration and dates for the RSVP/RCRV SHIP Counselors presentation about changes to the Rockwell Collins retiree insurance plans. The sessions will be held at the Kirkwood Training and Outreach Services Center, 3375 Armar Drive, Marion. You must register to reserve a seat. Registrations can be made calling Kirkwood Community College Continuing Education at 319-398-1022 or 1-800-322-8833 or on the Heritage website www.heritageaaa.org. Registrations will be taken beginning October 1.

The presentation dates are:

October 26—10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

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October 27—10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

October 29—10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

October 30—10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

November 2—10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

November 3—10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Linda also talked about a future TRIAD conference for Law Enforcement officers and Tom Brennom presenting information on “identity theft”

Linda stated that the Senior Living Trust ended June 30th which is affecting many programs in the area such as Aging Services and Witwer Senior Center.

2. Carol Luth- Vision in Motion, Spanda, Inc.

Spanda Inc. Report:

Eye Care International: The team is set travel to KipKaren, Kenya on October 7th through October 18th. If interested in following the preparations and live blog posts while in Africa, log onto www.spandainc.blogspot.com.

Metro North Rotary is sponsoring a wine tasting event this Thursday at First Avenue Wine House from 5-7 pm. Proceeds will benefit Eye Care Kenya.

Cedar Rapids Vision In Motion: Preparations are underway for our second annual CEU conference, which will be held on January 30, 2010, at the Kirkwood Continuing Education Center. The theme is “Training Your Brain to See Again”. We will be focusing on patients with neurologically related vision impairments as well as appropriate treatment strategies.

This year’s key note speakers are Diana Eastburn-Ludlam , BS, COVT and Dr. Ken Cuiffreda, OD, Ph.D. from SUNY State College of Optometry in New York. They are both nationally recognized experts in the field of vision rehabilitation.

To date, we have served four patients through the Rockwell Grant.

And, thanks to Arlo Meyer for helping us with making some adapted lap tables for our low vision clients.

3. Wayne Clayton- Options of Linn County

Just a reminder that the annual Abilities in Action Conference/Assistive Tech Expo will be held on Oct 7 at the Continuing Ed building at the Kirkwood College campus. RCRV and Options will share a display table and share information with people attending the conference during breaks and lunch times.

4. Missy Hall- Red Cross

Missy reported on the “Battery Up” program to replace batteries in smoke detectors for the elderly and low income. Volunteers are teaming up with Firefighters who will be replacing the batteries and installing a smoke detector if needed. There is no charge for this service. More information and sign-up will be at the RCRV Project meeting tomorrow, Thursday, September 17.

5. Heidi Soethout- Sixth Judicial District

Heidi was welcomed back and had no report today.

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6. WRAP- Don Grimm

Don reported that he is working on the 12 page application for the 501(C) 3 status.

7. Barbara Hoffman- RSVP

America Reads

- RSVP is one of the sponsors for *America Reads*- a national challenge to improve literacy in elementary school age children. Dates are: **October 22** to read at Linn-Mar Community, Marion Independent and Metro Catholic schools; **October 23** to read at Cedar Rapids and College Community schools. You choose the district, school, grade level and time.

RSVP Volunteer Recognition Event

- Date: to put on your calendars: Friday October 16, 2009 8:30-10:30 at KTOS
Speaker: Kent Stock The movie *The Final Season* is based on his story as coach Olivet Mission Clothes Closet is the designated partner agency for contributions of mittens and socks this year.

RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. Community Projects- John McDonough

* I would like to thank Don Grimm, Jim Spencer, and Chuck Wehage for taking care of my responsibilities during my recent surgery and recuperation period at both St Luke's and at RCRV.

* We are still doing lots of design and build of wheelchair ramps for our community

* Several RCRV members are supporting the First Tech Challenge Program with the University of Iowa.

* Testing of the new trail counter design continues.

* Judy Wirth continues to crochet afghans for Geneva Towers' residents.

* The TV Conversion program has been completed.

* John Wauer set up the Mayor's Bike Ride.

* Cliff Koop still is in the Astronaut Board Building business for the Witwer Therapy Center.

* Who is answering the RCRV telephone message service? I have not heard from Ralph Arens in quite a while. *Jim Spencer volunteered to clear the answering machine and undertake necessary actions.*

If you can dream it, we can do it.

2. Data Base Committee Report- Jim Klein

Bill Ellis reported that the database is up to date.

3. Recruiting/Retention - Barbara Hoffman

Volunteer data:

August hours:

90 have reported 2,664 hours

Total for 2009 through August

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182 members have reported 24,836 hours

49 *Welcome to Retirement* letters have been sent to recent Rockwell retirees

Impact statement August

Recognition of Bob Clark for giving 590 hours in disaster recovery- for flood recovery work at various residences, some with Catholic charities and some with IBEW retired electricians and O.F. Electric Working and Wiring.

4. Communications- Chuck Wehage

The newsletter is online now and is printed. Waiting for the envelopes to be typed and then **The Volunteer** will be stuffed and mailed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 21 meeting- The annual technology presentation will be by Roy Robinson, Systems Engineer in Advanced Radar Application for Commercial Systems.

ADJOURNMENT

Rod Thorpe adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held October 21 at 1:30 at the Red Cross Building

Submitted by Barbara Hoffman, Secretary

Note: These minutes are subject to amendment and approval at the next board meeting.