

# RCRV Board of Directors Meeting

April 21, 2010

These minutes were approved at the board meeting May 19, 2010.

## 1:30 Red Cross Building

### PRESENT

RCRV members: Jim Green, John McDonough, Arlo Meyer, Chuck Wehage, Jim Spencer, Jack Murphy, Don Grimm, Keith Sutherland, Rod Thorpe, Mike Wilson, Jim Klein, Cliff Koop, Bill Ellis, Kay Nelson

Community Service Agency members: Carol Luth, Karla Terry, Angie Ehle, Kathy Waychoff, Heidi Soethout, Linda Dearing, Louann Lawson, Wayne Clayton, Barbara Hoffman

### CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairman, Jim Green, determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. 23 members were present.

### MINUTES

John McDonough moved to accept the March 17, 2010 RCRV board minutes as posted on the RCRV website. Don Grimm seconded. Motion: carried

### PROGRAM

Program was devoted to open discussion for 2010 Strategic Planning.

The ideas for goals, recruitment and services were reviewed from the previous meeting with discussion centering on the following ideas:

- 1) Focus on recruiting
  - a) Direct personal appeal
  - b) Mentoring
- 2) Power of the "Ask"
  - a) Have a speaker on the new "social" media communication- Face Book, twitter, My Space etc.
- 3) Open House/Social
  - a) Emphasize community impact- tell a story
  - b) Demonstrations- Lego League
  - c) Show & Tell- example: Cliff's astronaut boards
  - d) Serve food
- 4) Keep Unfulfilled Projects in front of membership
  - a) List at top of Project meeting minutes each week

### OLD BUSINESS

Evaluation Committee for the RCRV Charitable Grant program

- Carol Luth, Linda Dearing and Bob Ocken have agreed to be on the evaluation committee- still looking for others to serve on this committee
- Due Date is Monday, May 3rd
- Application can be downloaded from the RCRV website.

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## NEW BUSINESS

In remembrance of those active RCRV members who died in 2010, Barbara Hoffman made the following motion. "That one of the RCRV charitable grants be named in their honor: The Jack Hotchkiss Rockwell Collins Retiree Charitable grant and

The Les Haerther Rockwell Collins Retiree Charitable grant"

Mike Wilson seconded. The majority voted in favour and a grant will be named in each of their memories.

Barbara Hoffman made the following motion. That the Executive Committee of the Rockwell Collins Retiree Volunteers board of directors select annually the theme of the RCRV Charitable grant and, if desired, to name a grant/grants in memory of a deceased member/members. John McDonough seconded. The majority voted in favour and the recommendation was adopted.

## PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS

### 1. **Linda Dearing- Heritage Agency on Aging**

- Hunger and Aging: A conversation for lowans

A Nutrition Forum on May 21- Location: Learning Center at Kirkwood. Every night almost 1 in 20 older lowans go to bed hungry. Join us for a community conversation that will shed light on this real problem and start identifying strategies to address this critical issue for seniors in our community.

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

Spanda is involved in a number of activities this spring and summer. Here are some of the highlights:

**Cedar Rapids Talent Fest:** Future audition dates include May 8, 15, 23, and June 12. There are two call-back dates during the Freedom Festival with the Finale on August 8<sup>th</sup> at Theatre Cedar Rapids. Proceeds from this event benefit Cedar Rapids Vision In Motion. To date we have had 36 auditions. If you would like to help judge, we are in need of volunteer support. Please contact Carol at 364-2311 or at [carol.luth@gmail.com](mailto:carol.luth@gmail.com).

**Ely Community Garage Sale:** On May 1<sup>st</sup> from 8 AM-3 PM, Spanda will be hosting a garage sale at 1925 Parkland Drive in Ely. All proceeds benefit the Kipkaren, Kenya clinic. Come and find a treasure.

**RAGBRAI-"You Wanna Piece of Me":** For any RAGBRAI participants, stop by our Spanda booth and have a piece of Kathy's pie and ice cream. Be a part of the "missing puzzle piece" expedition.

**"KenYa See My Future in Your Eyes"** Dental Banquet: We will be hosting a dinner, silent/live auction at the Crowne Plaza on September 18<sup>th</sup> with an after-party at Zins. All proceeds benefit the dental program at the Kipkaren clinic.

**"Community Scavenger Hunt":** Join Spanda and KCCK's Jazz Under the Star event on August 26<sup>th</sup> at Noelridge Park. Take part of exploring Cedar Rapid's unique history by participating in a community wide scavenger hunt.

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We also will be participating at the Marion Arts Festival, the Pigman Triathlon (yes we have a team), the Relay for Life event, the autism walk, the Senior and Disability Fair, and the March of Dimes walk.

### **3. Wayne Clayton- Options of Linn County**

Options primary RCRV activity has centered around giving tours for Kirkwood students studying for careers in this field. The tours feature demonstrations of assistive devices created by RCRV members.

### **4. Angie Ehle- WRAP**

WRAP is gearing up for ramp builds.

### **5. Kathy Waychoff- College Community School District**

Kathy presented four possible project areas for RCRV involvement

#### Prairie Crest Elementary

Susan Boatwright, ELP

They would like a kit for simple machines, pulleys, springs, etc.

#### Prairie Ridge Elementary

Kristin Lucas, Level III Disabilities class

- A pouring machine that the students could pour as long as their hand is on the switch and when they release, the cup goes slowly upright again.
- A bat/racquet swinger from a switch.
- A labyrinth controlled by a switch for putting paint projects and rolling objects on.

#### Prairie High School- Special Education Department

Stephanie Klein, Level III Disabilities Class

We would like a stationary bike that would be attached to a radio so that when the kids rode the bike, they would have to pedal fast enough to power the radio.

#### Prairie High School – Business Professionals of America

Joan Cochrane, Business Teacher

The students involved with Business Professionals of America travel to competitions and carry their own computer equipment. They need a lightweight cart that can travel with them. They found a cart online but it is just a little too big to fit in a suitcase. It doesn't have to be pretty – just functional. The website is [www.saleismakercarts.com](http://www.saleismakercarts.com) and the model they were looking at is PC Cart 294.

### **6 Karla Terry- Linn-Mar School District**

RCRV members were invited to the dress rehearsal of *Fiddler on the Roof* on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **7. Heidi Soethout- Sixth Judicial District**

Heidi had no report today.

### **8. Louann Lawson- Marion School District**

Louann was welcomed to her first RCRV board meeting. Louann reported there are many changes happening in the Marion School district.

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## 9. Barbara Hoffman- RSVP

Barbara reported RSVP is still in transition awaiting a decision on RSVP's new sponsor.

### ROCKWELL COLLINS REPORT- CINDY DIETZ

Cindy was not able to attend the meeting

## RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

### **Community Projects- John McDonough**

Several visitors this past month requested volunteers from us:

- Habitat for Humanity folks are looking for carpenters to get flood damages home ready for the influx of VISTA workers expected in June. Call Jill Behrens at 294-1500 if interested
- \* Horizons, a family alliance, need 30 volunteers for their Meals on Wheels delivery program. Contact Marvy Collins at 213-4386 if interested.
- \* Linn County Fair officials are looking for volunteers for lots of various activities associated with the upcoming fair. See Dan Abel if you have an interest in helping with the fair activities @ 210-1503.
- \* Aging Services is looking for home safety inspectors, medical transportation folks and general home repair efforts that don't require a building permit. See Teresa Robison or Kim Hott of Aging Services if you have an interest.
- \* Honor flight planning activities continue. Approximately 270 WWII vets have already signed up for this one day event from CR to DC to CR.

We continue to support lots of nonprofits agencies in the area, namely EIOLC, 4 Oaks Bridge classes, SHIIP, Computer classes at Meth-Wick, mentoring at Pierce, Wright, Johnson, and Hiawatha Elementary schools, plus many other area agencies.

WRAP efforts have been kicked off for the new build season.

We have been doing income taxes for folks in the community. Ed Holstrom has done taxes for over 200 people.

Grant Application deadline is May 3, 2010 for this years grants. Application and evaluation criteria information is on our web site. Focus area this year is literacy. Any nonprofit agency that has literacy programs may apply. Each application must have an active RCRV member signature. Grants are available for up to \$10,000 in minimum increments of \$1,000.

If you can dream it, we can do it.

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## **Data Base Committee Report- Jim Klein**

The database was updated based on the obituaries provided by Wilma Shadle at the last March meeting. It was also updated for address changes that were emailed to RCRV. Most of the returned newsletters from the last mailing were submitted to Rockwell Collins for reimbursement. Due to a mix-up they were not returned to RCRV so the database could be updated. I think this problem has been fixed for the next mailing.

## **Recruiting/Retention - Barbara Hoffman**

As of 3/31/2010, 138 RCRV volunteers had reported 7,014 volunteer hours. The total membership is at 225 members.

## **4. Communications- Chuck Wehage**

*The Volunteer* has been mailed.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Executive board will meet to finalize the 2010 Strategic Planning to report to the board at the May meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

Jim Green adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held May 19 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.