

# RCRV Board of Directors Meeting

June 16, 2010

These minutes were approved at the 8/18/2010 board meeting.

1:30 Red Cross Building

## PRESENT

RCRV members: Jim Green, Mike Wilson, Arlo Meyer, Jim Spencer, Jack Murphy, Don Grimm, Chuck Wehage, Cliff Koop, Keith Sutherland, Bob Ocken, John Wauer

Community Service Agency members:

- Karla Terry- Linn-Mar School District
- Kathy Waychoff-College Community School District
- Linda Dearing & Tracy Robertson- Heritage Agency on Aging
- Tabitha Smith representing Aging Services
- Angie Ehle representing WRAP
- Heidi Soethout- Sixth Judicial District
- Barbara Hoffman- RSVP

## CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairman, Jim Green, determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. 19 members were present.

## MINUTES

Don Grimm moved to accept the May 19, 2010 RCRV board minutes as posted on the RCRV website. Jim Spencer seconded. Motion: carried Minutes: adopted

## PROGRAM

Karla Goettel, founder of **Flood Them with Love**, gave a passionate presentation about the continuing effects of the flood and what we as community members can do to help flood sufferers.

**Flood Them with Love** was founded on Christmas Day 2008 to help flood survivors with immediate needs. Two years after the flood, **Flood Them with Love** is still finding families financially ruined as they await their buyouts. They are finding tenants who have moved multiple times in search of affordable housing. Many flood-impacted families are also facing job losses, medical and legal issues, substance and domestic abuse and the depression and anxiety that come with hopelessness. They are encountering more and more homeless families.

**Flood Them with Love** has served over 300 families. They advocate for families with medical aid, legal issues, food and clothing support and help with the confusing, never-ending paperwork.

How can **WE** help? In addition to **cash donations**, they need household items for their 6,400 square foot warehouse when families shop for free after an in-home assessment of their needs. They are also looking for volunteers especially secretarial help.

There is little or no funding for individual needs after a disaster. Karla asked us to answer the question "What have I personally done to help a flood survivor?" If we all pitch in, we can make a difference.

For more information, please visit their website: [www.floodthemwithlove.com](http://www.floodthemwithlove.com)

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## OLD BUSINESS

RCRV Charitable Grant Program- Mike Wilson, committee chair, gave the report on behalf of the committee.

- The Les Haerther RCRV Charitable Grant Award to Cedar Rapids Vision in Motions for \$2400
- The Jack Hotchkiss RCRV Charitable Grant Award to The Salvation Army for \$2,000
- Prairie Crest Elementary school in the College Community School district \$2,000 award
- Taylor Elementary in the Cedar Rapids School district- a \$2,000 award
- Wright Elementary in the Cedar Rapids School district- a \$1,600 award

Arlo Meyer moved to accept the recommendation of the RCRV Charitable Grant Program committee. Keith Sutherland seconded the motion. Motion: carried

Recommendation: adopted

Follow-up for the RCRV Charitable Grant Recommendation

- Jim Green will notify those applicants who were not awarded
- Jim will also send a letter to the families of Les Haerther and Jack Hotchkiss regarding the charitable award in the name of Les and Jack.
- Either the RCRV recommender or the community agency representative was present to take back congratulations and the amount of the award to their respective applicant.
- Presentations of the awards will be at the August board meeting

## NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

## PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS-

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

Linda introduced Tracy Robertson who will be taking Linda's position at Heritage upon Linda's retirement.

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

The Governor's Awards for Volunteer Service will be held at College Community Schools Concert Hall at a date this summer yet to be determined. The Governor's office will be setting the date (soon, hopefully) and recipients will be notified at that time. Rockwell Collins has agreed to contribute \$300 for the reception.

### **3. Karla Terry- Linn-Mar School district**

The summer reading program is now in progress. Thirty percent of the Linn-Mar school district students qualify for a free or reduced lunch. The summer literacy program reaches out to those students whose reading skills need strengthening.

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

The WRAP program is busy designing and building ramps. Bring a friend to the next ramp build and let them see and help on the project.

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

WRAP is looking to extend into Johnson County. Heidi and Angela Berns met with Johnson county representatives on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

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## **6. Barbara Hoffman- RSVP**

Barbara announced the new sponsor for RSVP will be United Way of East Central Iowa effective July 1, 2010. Barbara will be meeting with United Way to work on transition details.

## ROCKWELL COLLINS REPORT- CINDY DIETZ

Cindy was not able to attend the meeting

## RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

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

Read by Barbara Hoffman

- \* My week minutes have been re-formatted. Now, all tasks that need volunteers are located in the front, then, will be followed by a summary of our membership's weekly efforts being performed. Still, we are not getting volunteers to accept the tasks that we need to get accomplished for our local non-profit agencies.
- \* RSVP's new sponsor is United Way of East Central Iowa. The RSVP advisory board will meet our new sponsor at our June 22nd meeting.
- \* WRAP backlog is at about 8 ramps at this time. We still need designers and build leaders. We will train new designers.
- \* The Governor Award Ceremonies will be held at College Community Schools this year. RCRV will provide parking attendants as well as ushers. Rockwell Collins will provide the beverage again this year for the reception.
- \* Dr Lippisch's ground effect vehicle will now have a home at the Children's Museum in the Coralville Mall.
- \* RCRV./REACT's annual Appreciation Event was held at the ball park this year in honor of Les Haerther as his grandson now plays for the Kernals. We had poor participation from RCRV membership.
- \* We continue to provide support to SHIIP, SCORE, Spanda, Inc., WRAP, school tutoring, School Lego programs, the REACT Center, the Honor Flight, LCTA, EIOLC, TRIAD, Aging Services, and Heritage Area Agency on Aging.

If you can dream it, we can do it.

<http://www.rcrv.org>

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

Read by Jim Green

I will not make the June RCRV Board Meeting since I will be on a weeklong bike ride in Wisconsin.

The database was updated based on the obituaries provided by Wilma Shadle.

I have requested but have not received the new retiree lists for January, February, March, April and May. Cindy Dietz responded to my request with the following message:

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“Some questions have come up regarding privacy issues in releasing this data. I am working on it - trying to find out what exactly is needed in order for us to proceed. I have told our HR group that this process had been previously approved by senior leadership and is still supported by them, so that is not in question. I'm hopeful we can have a timeline for resolution to you very soon.”

If we cannot get the retiree list from Rockwell Collins we will not have any means to get new members for RCRV.

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

Barbara presented a comparison between this year's volunteerism and 2009 volunteerism for the same January- May 31<sup>st</sup> time period

Year	# of volunteers	# of volunteer hours	# of jobs	# of location of jobs
2010	150	11,531- actual	62	43
2009	190	20,877- modified	67	39

Concern is the 40 less volunteers that have reported this year. Friendly reminder emails will be going out to those who have forgotten/not had time to report their hours this year.

## **Communications- Chuck Wehage**

Chuck reported that he is working on the next newsletter.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The next board meeting will be held August 18 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.