

RCRV Board of Directors Meeting

February 16, 2011

1:30 Red Cross Building

These minutes were approved at the 3/16/2011 board meeting.

PRESENT

RCRV members: Keith Sutherland, Jim Green, Jim Klein, Bob Ocken, Mike Wilson, Chuck Wehage, Don Grimm, John McDonough, Kay Nelson, Arlo Meyer, Jim Spencer, Dick Lenth

Community Service Agency members:

- Teresa Robinson- Aging Services
- Louanne Lawson- Marion School District
- Matt Fee- Four Oaks Bridge
- Wayne Clayton-Options of Linn County
- Angie Ehle- WRAP
- Barbara Hoffman- RSVP

Guest Speaker: RCRV member Charlie Kress

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-chairman, Keith Sutherland, determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. 19 members were present.

MINUTES

John McDonough moved to accept the January 16, 2011 RCRV board minutes as posted on the RCRV website. Jim Green seconded. Motion: carried Minutes: adopted

PROGRAM

RCRV member Charlie Kress, spokesman and treasurer for Waste Not Iowa, gave a very informative presentation entitled "Waste Not with Plasma Arc"

The goals of this non-profit organization are:

1. Reduce solid waste effects on the environment.
2. Harvest energy & by-products from waste
3. Reduce/Eliminate the need for landfills

Syngas is created from the organic portion of the solid waste and is the most valuable part of the process. It contains about 15-30% of energy found in natural gas. Syngas is very clean and can be converted to many forms of energy.

Slag is created from the inorganic portion of the solid waste and has many applications; aggregate for roads, bricks, pervious paving, decoration rock for gardens and rockwool (insulation)

Plasma arc technology is ideal for waste treatment because:

- It can handle all waste
- It produces clean energy-rich gas and inert non-leaching slag
- Is environmentally safe
- Supports energy recovery
- Provides economic recovery

For more information go to their website www.wastenotiowa.org

OLD BUSINESS

- Draft of the Strategic Planning 2011 was discussed
 - How do we attract more Rockwell people?
 - Personal recruitment/invitation is the key- How do we do this?
 - Executive board needs to plan actions on how to fulfill this goal.
- 2011 RCRV Charitable Grant

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- By consensus, the theme selected for 2011 is
 "Assistive Devices for the Disabled"
- Jim Green will publicize the availability of the grant
- Selection committee
 - Bob Clark, chairman
 - Don Grimm
 - Barbara Hoffman
 - Bob Ocken
 - Mike Wilson

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by John McDonough and seconded by Jim Klein to approve the signing of the three year Memorandum of Understanding between RCRV and RSVP. Motion: carried

- Terry Lamb will sign the Memorandum upon his return prior to February 28.
- The memorandum is in effect from 03/01/2011 to 02/28/2014.

PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS-

1. Matt Fee- Four Oaks Bridge.

Four Oaks Bridge: The Bridge continues to receive support from Vern Jackson. Vern finished up his Astronomy Club program in January and has now started Geography Club with our 3rd & 4th grade students. Students learn about the world they inhabit through open discussions. Using only a few visual aids, Vern is able to get the kids talking about our planet, both its physical characteristics and the social issues facing certain parts of the world.

The Bridge is currently seeking assistance in the areas of science and technology programming. Young Engineer's Club will begin as soon as we recruit an expert volunteer to work with our staff and children. This program will introduce kids to various simple machines using hands on activities and experiments. After introducing the concept of simple machines, a typical session will look like this:

1. Introduce a simple machine
2. Identify various examples of the simple machine in our modern world
3. Perform an experiment that demonstrates the usefulness and power of the simple machine
4. Record results from the experiment and report out as a group, building a knowledge base as a class

This program could run Monday, Wednesdays, or Fridays for 1.5 hours.

The Bridge would also like to begin a year round Robotics program using Lego NXT and WeDo robots. Supplies and pre-made lessons have already been purchased. The Bridge simply needs to recruit an ongoing volunteer to assist with the program. This program could run Monday, Wednesdays, or Fridays for 1.5 hours. Ideally, we will recruit two volunteers to work with two separate groups of children.

2. Louanne Lawson- Marion School District

Marion School District is looking for volunteers to help in math and reading.

3. Wayne Clayton- Options of Linn County

John Wauer is making good progress on an adjustment for the cash register simulation project.

Russ Schuchmann visited one of our community worksites and is studying some possible adjustments for the envelope stuffer there.

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We continue to host Kirkwood students who are interested in seeing the assistive devices and adaptations we use to promote consumer independence on the job.

4. Teresa Robinson- Aging Services

Teresa had to leave before this portion of the meeting.

5 . Angie Ehle- WRAP

WRAP is gearing up for spring with 7 ramps in cue. A WRAP Volunteer Appreciation breakfast will be held March 1 at St. Luke's.

6. Barbara Hoffman- RSVP

Final 2010 Impact for RSVP is 443 volunteers donating 75,325 hours with 63 partner agencies with a value of \$ 1,535,000 using federal value of a volunteer @\$20.25

RSVP has 11 new (non RCRV) volunteers in January

The United Way /RSVP Volunteer newsletter was emailed on 2/15 and the hard copy sent on 2/18. The first article mentions RCRV's contribution to RSVP and the second article is about the 12 active volunteers volunteering at 90 plus.

RSVP is holding their first Volunteer Gathering on March 1st at United Way from 10:00- 11:00. This is an opportunity for volunteers to get together and hear about new volunteer opportunities. JoEllen Haddad, volunteer coordinator for Witwer, and Teresa Robinson, volunteer manager at Aging Services, will present volunteer opportunities at their respective agencies

RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Community Projects- John McDonough

- New RCRV members- Darlene Hartkemeyer, Penny Lowe, Jeanne Gritton and Jim Vacherlon
- Ann Griffin, GWAEA requested us to build a shed. The project was referred to College Community as it would fit nicely into one of their classes for this year
- Arlo Meyer designed, built and delivered a mirror box to Vision In Motion
- Several RCRV members continue to counsel for the SHIIP Program. We have signed up 3 new folks to take the SHIIP_ training in April, namely Audrey Bradford, Bob Ocken and Jim Vacherlon.
- We are providing instructors for the Kindergarten Science classes at Pierce Elementary, as well as mentors for the noncompetitive Lego classes at Wright Elementary and the 4 Oaks Bridge programs.
- Several new tasks have been added to our weekly Community Projects minutes.
- Officially, we volunteered 44,245 hours to our community in 2010. This is the second highest effort from RCRV ever.

- We continue to support many area nonprofits boards, SCORE, Kiwanis, GWAEA, College Community, The REACT Center, area SHIIP sponsors, EIOLC, Options of Linn Co, St Lukes Witwer Children's Therapy Center, First Tech Challenge program, WRAP, Salvation Army, plus the company Museum and new employee tours. We also continue to support many other nonprofit efforts in our community.

If you can dream it, we can do it.

Data Base Committee Report- Jim Klein

- Database was updated for obituaries from Wilma Shadle.
- Bill Ellis and I updated the database for the change of address notices from the November newsletter mailing.

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- The address file for the current newsletter mailing was generated and sent to Rockwell Collins.
- The new retirees' list from Rockwell Collins for December 2010 and January 2011 is not available yet so they will not be included in the current newsletter mailing.

Recruiting/Retention - Barbara Hoffman

The Final 2010 Impact statement was handed to board members.

- 196 volunteers reported 44,245 volunteer hours
- This averaged 226 volunteer hours per volunteer
- An equivalent to 21 FTE
- Economic value \$ 896,000 using the federal value of a volunteer hour @ \$20.25

The complete report can be found as an attachment to these minutes.

Three new RCRV volunteers have become members since the January meeting.

1. Jim Vacherlon- training for SHIP counseling & home repairs for Aging Services
2. Pat Frasher- volunteers at St. Luke's
3. Sally Olsen- Board of Director's for the Cedar Valley Embroiderers Guild of America and demonstrated bobbin lace making for National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

Communications- Jim Green

The first issue of the 2011 Volunteer is on the RCRV website. Hardcopies will be mailed once envelopes arrive, then stuffed and mailed through Rockwell Collins.

Agency Liaison- Chuck Wehage

Chuck will be contacting our partner agencies inviting them to our next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Keith Sutherland adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

The next board meeting will be March 16 at 1:30 Red Cross building.

Submitted by Barbara Hoffman, secretary

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