

RCRV Board of Directors Meeting

April 20, 2011

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1:30 Red Cross Building

PRESENT

RCRV members: Terry Lamb, Keith Sutherland, Arlo Meyer, John McDonough, Don Grimm, Jim Green, Chuck Wehage, Dick Lenth, Mike Wilson, Vern Jackson, Bob Ocken, Jim Spencer, Rod Thorpe, Bob Clark

Community Service Agency members:

- Teresa Robinson- Aging Services
- Matt Fee- Four Oaks- The Bridge
- Wayne Clayton-Options of Linn County
- Angie Ehle- WRAP
- Karla Terry- Linn-Mar School District
- Barbara Hoffman- RSVP

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Terry Lamb, determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. 20 members were present.

MINUTES

Jim Green moved to accept the March 16, 2011 RCRV board minutes as posted on the RCRV website. Don Grimm seconded. Motion: carried Minutes: adopted

PROGRAM

Our speaker was Geoff Eastburn of Ryan Companies U.S., Inc. the construction manager for the new Federal Court House. The owner of the building is the U.S. General Services Administration Public Buildings. This is a multi-tenant office building that serves the 8th Judicial Circuit: the Northern Iowa District. There are 5 federal courtrooms within the eight stories 298,000 square ft. building. There will be three separate areas: public, judiciary and defendants with an elevator system for each. Construction was started July 2009 with occupancy targeted for November 2012. Iowa limestone is featured throughout the building. The projected cost of construction is \$121 million which is \$406 per square ft. Ryan Companies U.S., Inc plans to achieve a LEED silver rating with this construction.

OLD BUSINESS

- Efforts to increase participation of members continues to be a topic for discussion as goals are finalized for this year.
- Grants are due noon on May 2. Grants must be signed by an active RCRV member.
- By-law updates will be discussed by the executive committee to report back to the board of directors.

NEW BUSINESS

- Cliff Koop was nominated by St. Luke's Children's Witwer Center and received a volunteer award from Ted Townsend, President and CEO of St. Luke's Hospital.

PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS-

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1 . Karla Terry – Linn-Mar School District

The musical Oklahoma will be presented by the Linn-Mar music and drama department on Wednesday, April 27th at 4 p.m. in the auditorium of Linn-Mar High School. This dress rehearsal performance is offered to anyone 50 + years of age in our community free of charge! The doors will open at 3:45 p.m. for general seating
The annual Governor's Awards will be held June 24th at 10:00am at Linn-Mar High-school.

2. Wayne Clayton- Options of Linn County

Options will be moving into their new building in September. An RCRV volunteer is currently repairing a communication switch for an Options' consumer.

3. Teresa Robinson- Aging Services

Aging Services is a sponsor for Senior Olympics which will be held May 13-14. Look for the volunteer needs and opportunities for this event on www.corridorvolunteers.org

Aging Services is increasing volunteer opportunities and will be adding a volunteer co-ordinator to their staff.

4. Angie Ehle- WRAP

WRAP's first newsletter, WRAP-UP, has been printed and distributed. In the queue are 18 ramps and 3 tear downs. Joe Wells will hold a class on ramp design and Jack Murphy will lead the first ramp build of the season on April 28.

5. Matt Fee- Four Oaks Bridge

At the Bridge we are in the middle of our Summer planning. We want to offer our kids as many field trips and meaningful program opportunities as possible. We will be visiting the following sites for field trips, and are always on the lookout for volunteers to assist with these trips:

Mississippi River Museum
African American Museum
Cedar Rapids Museum of Art
McBride Raptor Center
Iowa City Museum of Natural History
Old McDonald Zoo @ Beaver Park

We are also running the following programs this summer in addition to our daily recreation and character development activities:

Writing Club – Kids practice their writing skills through a series of different writing projects, including a Biography writing unit and a Poetry writing unit.

PARRT – In order to keep expectations around behavior consistent for our kids during their many weeks of summer vacation, we will be implementing the PARRT program that all Cedar Rapids schools have adopted. This program addresses things like Personal Best, Active Listening, Respect, Responsibility, and Team Work. These skills will be practice through tri-weekly mini-lessons that last approximately 30 minutes.

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Kids Kitchen – This program addresses both nutrition and easy food preparation, giving our kids the tools they need to make safe, healthy meals at home over the summer and after-school. Volunteers welcome!

Reading Club 211; This program utilizes the Read Naturally software to help each of our K-3rd grade students advance a reading level before returning to school in the fall. Students will also choose free reading books from the Cedar Rapids library to enjoy during the time they are not being tested by Read Naturally.

Young Engineers Club – Young Engineers will teach our kids about simple machines, problem solving methods, and team work. This program has been difficult to get off the ground, simply because the staff at the Bridge does not possess the knowledge necessary for a real discussion about the importance and construction of simple machines. Volunteers MOST welcome.

NXT Club – We will continue to work with our kids over the summer using the NXT Lego Robots to help them prepare for the Lego League season in the fall. Mike Wilson has expressed interest in assisting with this program.

6. Barbara Hoffman- RSVP

Barbara reported on the conference call that was held with Patrick Corvington, CEO of Corporation for National and Community Service regarding the federal budget for RSVP.

- CNCS was funded at 94% of FY2010
- All domestic agencies will take a .02% rescission for FY2011 budgets
- RSVP was cut \$12.6 million which is approximately a 25% reduction to the over 800 RSVP programs throughout the United States.
- More details will be given on a conference call scheduled for April 29.

However, RSVP is looking forward and continuing with their strategic planning. To date 18 new members have joined RSVP. 285 members have reported donating 13,682 hours.

RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Community Projects- John McDonough

- I have lined up speakers for our August Board Meeting. They are: Sue Nelson, Rockwell Collins new Director of Global Benefits from HR. She will speak about RC insurance plans for 2012 for our retirees of Medicare age and will introduce a speaker on this subject.
- We currently have 3 RCRV members, Audrey Bradford, Bob Ocken and Jim Vacherlon who are being trained in Des Moines to become SHIP Counselors. They will volunteer at St Lukes.
- We have had lots of Honor Flight activities in recent weeks. The next flight is scheduled for August 26th from the Eastern Iowa Airport.
- The last report I had was that we had 13 ramps in queue for design and build. We still need designers and fabricators.

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- We have had a request from Aegon retirees to explore the possibilities of starting a volunteer retiree group based on RCRV. We have a meeting scheduled for August 25th to discuss.
- Iowa Commission of Volunteer Service, (ICVS) is in need of new commissioners. See the weekly project minutes for contact information.
- We continue to support many area nonprofit agencies with volunteer help.
- Arlo Meyer has 3 RCRV shirts for sale. See Arlo if you have an interest.
- Dress Rehearsals, free to seniors: (Reservations are required by calling 558-2124) Kennedy on 4/27/11 at 1:30 PM Jefferson on 5/11/11 at 1:00 PM
- Again, we provide support to many area non-profit agencies.
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 all the returned newsletters from the last mailing.

Recruiting/Retention - Barbara Hoffman

- RCRV welcomed four new members this month- Chuck DeBlieck, Dave Knuth, Shirley Lamb and Jim Wittneble.
- As of today, 120 RCRV members have reported 6,360 hours.
- An impact statement showing the wide variety of volunteer jobs in which RCRV members are involved was given to those attending the meeting.

Communications- Jim Green

Jim is working on ideas for the next newsletter. Please submit any ideas/articles that would be good to include in The Volunteer.

Agency Liaison- Chuck Wehage - not a report today.

ADJOURNMENT

Terry Lamb adjourned the meeting at 2:45

The next board meeting will be May 18 at 1:30 Red Cross building.

Submitted by Barbara Hoffman, secretary