

RCRV Board of Directors Meeting

May 18, 2011

These minutes were approved at the June 15, 2011 board meeting.

1:30 Red Cross Building

PRESENT

RCRV members: Terry Lamb, Keith Sutherland, Don Grimm, Bob Clark, Dick Lenth, Bill Ellis, Rod Thorpe, Arlo Meyer, Mike Wilson, Chuck Wehage, John McDonough, Cliff Koop

Rockwell Collins: Cindy Dietz

Community Service Agency members:

- Kathy Waychoff- College Community School District
- Louanne Lawson- Marion School District
- Carol Luth- Spanda, Inc.
- Heidi Soethout- Sixth Judicial District
- Angie Ehle- WRAP
- Barbara Hoffman- RSVP

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Terry Lamb, determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm. 19 members were present.

MINUTES

John McDonough moved to accept the April 20, 2011 RCRV board minutes as posted on the RCRV website. Don Grimm seconded. Motion: carried Minutes: adopted

PROGRAM

Our speaker was David Griffin, Executive Director of the Eastern Iowa Arts Academy. This is a non-profit after-school arts organization created for K-12 students in the Greater Cedar Rapids metro area. EIAA's multidisciplinary and multi-cultural arts programs enhance the appreciation of the arts, strengthen performance abilities, provide quality after-school activities, and celebrate the rich diversity in our community. David, an experienced music teacher, started this program in 2007 with 100 kids. Today there are 36 different locations with 1325 participating kids and 90 staff members. The projections are 1700 kids next year with 2200 the following year. They are looking to expand in the Daniels Park area and then will need construction help. EIAA's slogan is *Explore, Excite, Excel!* Students have the opportunity to explore the areas of art, cultural arts, dance, drama, music, and creative writing. There is a need for both donations and volunteers. For more information, visit their website: www.eaaprogram.com

OLD BUSINESS

- Efforts to increase participation of members continues to be a topic for discussion. If you know someone, invite them to a meeting.
- RCRV Charitable Grant Program 2011 Recommendations
 - The RCRV Grant committee of Bob Clark, chairman, Don Grimm, Helen Pothoff, Rod Thorpe and Mike Wilson reviewed 12 applications.
 - The committee reviewed the applications based on the program guidelines and the RCRV Charitable Grant scoring tool.

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- The following is the recommendation of the committee;

Agency	Award	RCRV Sponsor
Mercy Medical Center	\$2,000	Don Grimm
New Horizons	\$2,000	Cliff Koop
St. Luke's Health Care Foundation	\$2,000	John McDonough
Novak Elementary school	\$2,000	Jim Green
College Community Prairie Point	\$1,000	Terry Lamb
Prairie Ridge Elementary, Level 3 classroom	\$1,000	Terry Lamb

- The board voted to accept the recommendations of the committee.
 - Cindy Dietz verified the eligibility (Non-profit status)
 - The sponsor for each application submission is to notify their applicant of the results.
 - Presentation of awards will be at the June 15th board meeting
- Keith Sutherland, Vice Chairman, highlighted the proposed changes in the by-laws
 - Gender neutral language
 - Description of the Executive committee and duties
 - Description of the Functional directors' positions and duties

The proposed by-laws are posted on the RCRV website and will be voted upon at the June meeting.

ROCKWELL COLLINS REPORT: Cindy Dietz reported on the following information:

- Education Reform Summit is July 25 & 26 at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines. If you are interested in attending, please contact Cindy.
- Kick-off Breakfast will be Friday, August 19 at 7:30am.
- The Lego World Championship was held in St. Louis. Rockwell maintained an exhibit booth during this time.
- Rockwell is involved in creating a STEM network in the state.

PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS-

1 . Louanne Lawson- Marion School District

In the fall at the high-school, Marion is launching a new program " Project Lead the Way". They need volunteers that have CAD and design experience to talk to the students about engineering design principles. They would also like engineers to talk to the students about what engineers do. Please contact Louanne if you are interested.

2. Carol Luth- Spanda, Inc.

Spanda, Inc will have a booth at the Downtown Farmers' Market and also be part of Relay for Life. Auditions are continuing for Spanda Inc's Talent Fest.

3. Heidi Soethout- Sixth Judicial District

Heidi announced it was Americorp Week and important to recognize all National Service programs.

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4. Angie Ehle- WRAP

In the queue are 13 ramps to build and 3 tear downs. Three ramps have been completed. Ten current and new designers attended Joe Wells' class on ramp design.

5. Barbara Hoffman- RSVP

Barbara gave an update on RSVP's funding through the Corporation of National and Community Service

- ✓ 2% rescission that all domestic agencies received will be absorbed in non-grant activities
- ✓ 20% cut to RSVP for FY2011 will be distributed evenly to all 800 RSVP organizations though in different ways
 - For those already in 2011 grant year- extend grant 3 months to end of March.
 - Those starting grants July 1 will be funded at 80% for 9 months
- ✓ United Way has pledged RSVP the difference and will fundraise for that amount

Stats:

- ✓ 300 volunteers for 17,800 hours
- ✓ 2 new RSVP volunteers- one senior dining, the other meals on wheels

RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Community Projects- John McDonough

- The Honor Flight to Washington DC for WWII Veterans was held on 4/26/11. Mike Wilson and Arlo Meyer were on the team that planned the activity. A good time was had by all!
- WRAP has an extensive backlog. We had a training class set up specifically to train folks who want to design ramps on what is required to occur. This included such items as legalities, strength, etc. It appears that we now have some new designers!
- The Governor Award program will be held at Linn-Mar this summer. RCRV will need to have at least 6 volunteers to handle usher and parking duties as in the past. Cindy Dietz indicated that she would again cover the cost of providing coffee and soft drinks for the event.
- We had a tremendous response to our request for applications for the RCRV Grant program. Bob Clark will announce the winners today and the Board will approve their selection.
- Again, we continue to support RSVP, Habitat for Humanity, GWAEA, Options of Linn County, the Catherine McAuley Center, the REACT Center, SCORE activities, Meals on Wheels programs, and Aging Services plus many more nonprofits.

If you can dream it, we can do it.

Data Base Committee Report- Jim Klein

- Database was updated for obituaries from Wilma Shadle.

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Recruiting/Retention - Barbara Hoffman

RCRV Membership Report

- RCRV welcomed 4 new members this month
 - Charlie Ong- interest WRAP designer and builder
 - Dan Zillman- interest Habitat & Lego League
 - Merrill Ludvigson- at age 90 volunteering where he lives at Cottage Grove Place
 - Lynette Passman- also volunteering at Cottage Grove Place
- Interest from 2 others- have received information packet but have not yet returned an application
 - Carol Henning – received name from John McDonough
 - Pat Erwin- received name from Terry lamb
- Impact statement showing 8,354 hours from 122 members
 - 30% of hours are in volunteering for non-profits
 - 18% in Elderly Services
 - 18% in Services for all ages
 - 12% in Health
 - 12% in Other- Service orgs, miscellaneous
 - 6 % Administrative & Leadership
 - 5% Education
 - Less than 1% in Assistive Technology

Communications- Terry Lamb for Jim Green

Please submit any ideas/articles/photos to Jim Green for The Volunteer.

ADJOURNMENT

Terry Lamb adjourned the meeting at 2:45

The next board meeting will be June 15 at 1:30 Red Cross building.

Submitted by Barbara Hoffman, secretary