

# RCRV Board of Directors Meeting

June 15, 2011

Approved 9/17/2011

1:30 Red Cross Building

## PRESENT

RCRV members: Terry Lamb, Bill Ellis, Jim Green, Don Grimm, Ed Holstrom, Vern Jackson, Jim Klein, Cliff Koop, John McDonough, Arlo Meyer, Kay Nelson, Bob Ocken, Faye Spading, Jim Spencer, Rod Thorpe, Chuck Wehage, Mike Wilson

Community Service Agency members:

- Kathy Waychoff- College Community School District
- Karla Terry- Linn-Mar School District
- Teresa Robinson- Aging Services
- Angie Ehle- WRAP
- Wayne Clayton- Options of Linn County
- Barbara Hoffman- RSVP

Guests:

- Christina Beck- Occupational Therapist Mercy Medical
- Kris Lucas, teacher at Prairie, College Community School District
- Sharon Hill supervisor, Witwer Children's Therapy
- Tonya Arnold, St. Luke's Health Care Foundation
- Don Zierath, Aegon
- George Barrows, New Horizons
- Mary Ellen Oglesby, Linn-Mar School district
- Joe North, Linn-Mar School district

## CALL TO ORDER

President Terry Lamb, determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. 23 members were present with 8 guests in attendance

## MINUTES

Barbara Hoffman moved to accept the May 18, 2011 RCRV board minutes as posted on the RCRV website. Don Grimm seconded. Motion: carried Minutes: adopted

## PROGRAM

Bob Clark, chairman of the 2011 RCRV Charitable Grant Program, presided at the presentation ceremony while Terry Lamb, President, presented the monetary awards. Bob stated the purpose of the charitable program which is to allow RCRV and its members to recognize and reward deserving non-profit organizations in support of its mission. This year's focus was for assistive devices for the disabled. There were 12 applications and 6 awards for 2011.

**Mercy Medical Center-** \$2,000 award accepted by Christina Beck, Occupational Therapist. This award will support their On-the-Road Driving Evaluation and Training program. The program helps individuals with disabilities or injuries regain their independence in common mobility. The program involves testing reaction time, visual screening and computer based simulator driving. Don Grimm was the RCRV sponsor.

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**New Horizons**-\$2,000 award accepted by George Burrows. This award will support their need for positioning equipment. This equipment will be for their residents who are physically and/or intellectually disabled individuals. This positioning equipment serves as assistive devices to help with mobility, flexibility, muscle and skin health. Cliff Koop was their RCRV sponsor.

**St. Luke's Health Care Foundation for the Witwer Children's Therapy project**- Sharon Hill, supervisor, Witwer Children's Therapy and Tonya Arnold, grant writer, St. Luke's Foundation accepted the \$2,000 award. The award will help purchase an Alt-Chat machine to be used in the Children's Speech Therapy program to assist children with their communication disability. John McDonough was the RCRV sponsor.

**Novak Elementary School**- \$2,000 award accepted by Joe North, principal and Mary Ellen Oglesby, teacher; both from Novak Elementary school, Linn-Mar Community School District. This award will purchase Nooks. These machines will be used in the Linn-Mar Power Plus program to help their most "at risk" children become more successful, both academically and socially, by utilizing research based reading/math instructions. Jim Green was their RCRV sponsor.

**Prairie Ridge Elementary**, Level 3 classroom, College Community School District- Kris Lucas, teacher, accepted their \$1000 award. The award will be used to provide students with multiple disabilities to have alternate access stations with docks for iPads and iPods. These access stations will provide these students with the opportunity to access to current school based technology. Terry Lamb was the RCRV sponsor.

**College Community Schools**- \$1000 award was accepted by Kathy Waychoff, Volunteer Coordinator for College Community School District. The award will be used to purchase iPads for use by struggling and special needs students allowing them access to software applications geared to aid students to increase reading fluency and master math facts. Terry Lamb was the RCRV sponsor.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Rod Thorpe moved to accept the revisions of the by-laws as posted on the RCRV website. John McDonough seconded. Motion carried. The by-laws go into effect at the close of today's meeting.

## PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS-

### **1 . Karla Terry- Linn-Mar School District**

The Governor's Awards will be held June 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at Linn-Mar High School. Seven RCRV members will receive recognition. RCRV is handling the parking duties.

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

A RCRV volunteer is working on repairing a communication switch. The new building is on schedule.

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

Kathy is presently involved with summer school. Classes start August 18<sup>th</sup> so new volunteer opportunities will be posted the first of August.

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

There have been 6 ramps built to date with 12 in queue and 2 removals.

## **5. Teresa Robinson- AGING SERVICES**

Aging Services had a successful volunteer breakfast and recognition on June 14 at the Human Services building. Volunteers were recognized for their contributions and years of service.

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

Upcoming event: Volunteer Gathering- July 11 at 9:30 at United Way- two speakers will talk about volunteer opportunities at their agency, new volunteer opportunities will be presented plus refreshments

Stats: 311/500 volunteers for 20,500 hours 24 new RSVP volunteers

## RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

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

The Governor Awards will be June 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. We will have 6 volunteers assisting again this year, 2 for the parking, 2 for handling the two stairways up and down from the stage and 2 for assisting volunteers into their proper seats. Rockwell Collins, thanks to Cindy Dietz, will again provide the lemonade and cookies this year.

Aging Services continue to have a need for ramp design and build. Also they have a need for home inspectors and repair folks.

We continue to assist folks who want to become US citizens at the Catherine McAuley center.

The Eastern Iowa Observatory and Learning Center now have a PA system in their lower level. This will now permit programs on the first floor to now be broadcasted to the lower level as well.

Cliff Koop will be assisting a Marion student by providing a method for the student to carry her food tray on her walker while in the cafeteria. He also continues to provide Astronaut boards to the St Luke's Witwer Children's Therapy center for their patients. I believe that he has delivered about 110 boards to date.

We continue to design and build ramps for the WRAP program. We had a training session for people desiring to become designers during this recent period. We did get some more designers from this activity. We currently have 13 ramps in backlog.

We provided support to the Tanager Summer Fest held recently which was held in the Rockwell Collins Parking lot again this year.

We continue to support the Honor Flight activities via the help from Arlo Meyer and Mike Wilson.

Aegon is interested in starting a volunteer program for their retirees as well. We have been invited to participate in their next meeting which will be held in the October timeframe. They are currently working with RSVP and United Way of East Central Iowa to get their program underway.

We continue to support many non-profit agencies in the area.

If you can dream it, we can do it.

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

- Database was updated for obituaries from Wilma Shadle.
- The last new-retiree list I received from Rockwell Collins was March 3, 2011. I will request an updated list shortly before the next newsletter is scheduled to be sent out so the new retirees can receive it.

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

- RCRV welcomed 2 new members this month
  - Donald Leonhart
  - Elaine Orcutt
- 2,000 hours reported since the last board meeting in the following areas:
  - Administration- RCRV, RSVP, Iowa Arts Work, Embroiderer's Guild
  - Assistive Technology, Construction & Design- Ramp 101 designs, ramp builds, Habitat for Humanity
  - Education- K-12 programs, Legos, Rocketry and Robotics, EIOLC, tutors in reading, library helpers and fieldtrip chaperones in the elementary schools and adult education
  - Elderly Services- SHIP counseling, resident advocates, transportation drivers, meal delivery, CHORE
  - Services- SCORE, tax assistance, clothes closets, food pantries, clerical, data base
  - Non-profits – museums, health/medical facilities, nature centers, animal centers
- Total stats :133/236 reporting hours 56% of membership  
10,300 hours value ( \$21.36) \$220,000 16 new members for 2011

## **Communications- Jim Green**

Jim is collecting information for the next issue of the "The Volunteer" which should be printed in July.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Terry Lamb adjourned the meeting at 2:00

The next board meeting will be August 17 at 1:30 Red Cross Building.

Submitted by Barbara Hoffman, secretary