

RCRV BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 14, 2012

1:30 Red Cross Building

Note:

PRESENT:

RCRV board members: John McDonough, Jim Green, Dick Lenth, Jack Murphy, Arlo Meyer, Bob Clark, Bob Ocken, Jim Klein, Cliff Koop, Terry Lamb, Jim Spencer, Don Grimm, Rod Thorpe and Chuck Wehage
Community Service Agency Members:

Kathy Waychoff – College Community Schools
Angie Ehle - WRAP
Wayne Clayton - Options of Linn County
Jessica Link - RSVP
Tracy Robertson - Heritage Area Agency on Aging
Debra Applebee – Salvation Army
Theresa Robinson – Aging Services
Heidi Soethout - Corrections
Guest Cedar Rapids Library: Bob Pasicznyuk, speaker

CALL TO ORDER

President Terry Lamb determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. 22 board members were present and one guest.

MINUTES:

John McDonough moved to accept the January 2012 RCRV board minutes as posted on the website. Don Grimm seconded. Motion carried, Minutes adopted, with corrections for Theresa Robinson's place of employment, and the dates of the next two Honor Flights (April 24 and June 5).

PRESENTATION :

Bob Pasicznyuk, director of the Cedar Rapids library, explained the continuing need for a library in the connected world, and the features of the new building downtown. The new facility will offer more space for children's reading programs. It features 12 study rooms, and offers meeting space for community use at no charge.

OLD BUSINESS: - None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Barbara Hoffman has resigned as Vice President. Nominees for her replacement will be voted on at the April meeting.
- The web site renovation effort led by Jim Green and John Wauer continues. A team of Kirkwood students is addressing the details. Their proposals will be completed by the end of the current semester. The goals are to modernize

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the front page, make it more attractive to potential members, simplify navigation and to make it a better public interface to our organization.

- The Grant Process Criteria is on the web site, and losers from last year will be reminded to reapply this year. May 2 is the deadline for applications. Bob Clark and Jessica Link reported.
- The Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame recognition award was received from Gov. Branstad in Des Moines. Terry Lamb, Mike Wilson, and Jim Green received the award.

PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS:

- Options of Linn County- Wayne Clayton – Most recently we requested and received a number of blankets and weighted blankets used for sensory activities with several consumers. We also are working on the final design of a box-folding jig. The current version looks like it will work very well.
- WRAP – Angie Ehle
 - WRAP nominated Tom Brennom for Home Instead's Salute to Senior Heroes award. We encourage everyone who has worked with Tom on any project to go to the website and make comments – Judges read these comments!
 - March 29th is WRAP Volunteer Appreciation event. Invitations have gone out for this event.
 - March 31st, WRAP is partnering with RCRV for design leadership and Linn-Mar's Armed Services Club for labor to build a ramp for a veteran. We are inviting KGAN to come cover the story.
 - Design 101 class is scheduled for April 12th at the REACT Center.
 - Due to very mild winter weather WRAP has completed 4 jobs so far.
- Salvation Army – Debra Applebee
 - The upcoming focus for Salvation Army is the launch of the Community Gardens project in the Timecheck flood greenway
- Heritage – Tracy Robertson -Elder Abuse Intervention Coalition (Prevention and Protection for Iowa's Seniors)
 - The Elder Abuse Intervention Coalition was established to address the needs of older Iowans experiencing or at-risk for abuse, neglect and/or exploitation. Elder abuse is grossly under-recognized and grossly under-reported. It's estimated that 84% of elder abuse cases go unreported and 40% of all elder abuse involves some form of financial exploitation. Research has also shown that elder abuse can

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dramatically shorten the life of an older victim. The types of elder abuse include the following: physical abuse, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, financial exploitation, denial of critical care by caretaker, self-denial / self-neglect of critical care and abandonment, and verbal/psychological abuse.

- Mission Statement - The Elder Abuse Intervention Coalition was established to expand and improve elder abuse prevention, protection, and intervention services for older lowans by raising community awareness and building support for public policies that address the needs of abused older lowans. The Elder Abuse Intervention Coalition would like to expand membership state-wide and have the Aging Network play a larger role with intervention in elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation cases in the community.
- Elder Abuse Intervention Coalition Key Goals - Increased support for the Elder Abuse Intervention Program and state-wide funding for client intervention services, establish an Iowa Elder Abuse Law to support the tenants of the Older Americans Act, and reinstate and fully fund the Iowa Office of Substitute Decision Maker.
- College Community School- Kathy Waychoff
 - A Kiwanis Key Club with 62 kids has been established at Prairie for community service.
- Theresa Robinson – Aging Services
 - Chore Volunteer activities are picking up at A. S.
 - Expansion of the memory unit at Milestones is ongoing.
- RSVP- Jessica Link
 - Staffing -_Aileen Simmons has been hired as the new Jones County Coordinator. She has been with United Way for almost 9 years. She will begin transitioning to her new role over the coming weeks.
 - Salute to Seniors -_Event will be on April 11 at 2pm at the downtown Cedar Rapids Bank & Trust location. Four RSVP (of which three are RCRV) members were nominated. Event is being co-hosted by RSVP and Home Instead. An invitation is in a packet being mailed to current RSVP members this week. All RCRV members should also receive this packet.
 - A new RSVP page is now available on the United Way web site

RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

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- COMMUNITY PROJECTS- John McDonough
 - As a SHIIP Counselor, I am seeing lots of people now that have problems with their HRA from RC. If you have a problem, please contact on the several RCRV SHIIP Counselors.
 - Vern Jackson has mad presentations to various area entities concerning the Easter Iowa Observatory and Learning Center (EIOLC).
 - RCRV received the Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame award this past month from Governor Branstad. This is a one time award. An organization can only be awarded this once!
 - Governor Award Ceremonies on 6/29/12 will be held at Prairie High School this year. We have volunteers who will be handling the ushering and parking duties again this year. RC will furnish the cookies and drinks again this year.
 - Pat Fox is making blankets for Bridgehaven folks as well as volunteering in their store, the Treasure. She also is making blankets for Lonnie Matthews of Options.
 - Keith Sutherland designed a prototype fixture for folding mailing tubes for Options which permits Consumers to fold the mailing tubes. He continues to work with the shoe program at the Kiwanis.
 - RCRV has a request from Page Knebel of the Alzheimer's group for assistance in resolving a storage problem that they got when they moved into their new facilities. Jim Green is working this problem for them.
 - Jessica Hoge and Connie Schulte of the RC Child Development Center had a request for us to fabricate 20 wooden covers for electric skillet which permits children ages 3 thru 5 to learn cooking skills with out burning themselves. The 20 covers need to be completed by May 19, 2012.
 - The RCRV Charitable Grant for 2012 is underway. We will again have the same focus area. It will be "Assistive Devices for the Disabled". Application deadline is 5/2/12. The applications must be signed and approved by a RCRV member as well as the requestors.
 - If you can dream it, we can do it.
- COMMUNICATIONS- Jim Green – See New Business for web page redevelopment activities

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- DATA BASE- Jim Klein - Database was updated for:
 - Obituaries from Wilma Shadle
 - Miscellaneous updates from phone and email messages
 - New retiree list for December 2011, and January and February 2012

 - The new retiree lists for December 2011, and January and February 2012 were sent to Jessica Link so a welcome letter can be sent to these people.

 - The mailing list for the next issue of "Volunteer" was sent to Rockwell Collins prior to receiving the new retiree list. A supplemental mailing list was made and sent to RC the contained the names of the new retirees.

- MEMBERSHIP /RECRUITMENT- Jessica Link
 - Membership Status - Current RCRV members – 242; new members in 2012 - 4
 - RCRV Hours Report - 2012 hours to date – 2,790; number of volunteers reporting hours - 84
 - Recruiting - Sending out new retiree letters from distribution list from December 2011-February 2012. Over 30 letters to ship next week.
 - Other - Looking at nominations for Governor's Awards

ADJOURNMENT

Terry Lamb adjourned the meeting at 2:50.

The next board meeting will be April 18, 2012 at 1:30 at the Red Cross building.

Submitted by: C. Wehage