

# RCRV BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 16, 2013

1:30 Red Cross Building

Note:

## PRESENT:

RCRV board members: Terry Lamb, Charles Wehage, John McDonough, Jim Green, Jim Klein, Vern Jackson, Dick Lenth, Jim Spencer, Keith Sutherland, Cliff Koop, Bob Ocken, Mike Wilson, Don Grimm, Jack Murphy, Tom Brennom, Tom Patterson, Faye Spading, Bill Ellis and Dave Knuth

Community Service Agency Members:

Angie Ehle - WRAP

Deb Applebee – Salvation Army

Wayne Clayton – Options of Linn County

Kathy Waychoff – College Community Schools

Kayla Paulson - RSVP

Rockwell Collins: Jenny Becker, Manager of Community Relations

Guests: First Tech Challenge teams from Metro HS, Mindy Hartman, chief spokesperson

## CALL TO ORDER

President Lamb determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. 17 board members were present, plus 2 guests.

## MINUTES:

John McDonough moved, and Jim Green seconded a motion to approve the draft minutes of the October meeting. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

## PRESENTATION:

The Metro FTC teams spoke of their outstanding success. A brief summary of their story is best found at

<http://metrocedarrapids.files.wordpress.com/2013/01/robotics-press-release.pdf>

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing significant

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NEW BUSINESS:

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Kayla Paulson of RSVP was nominated by John McDonough, to the Board and to the Membership Committee as Chairperson. Approved by voice vote of the Board.

The team to select grantees will be appointed soon. The selections should be made by Memorial Day in order to fit the R-C financial planning cycle.

ROCKWELL COLLINS REPORT: Jenny Becker: M. Richert has a new daughter, Brooke, and Melanie will be back around March 1; R-C is working on B-787 issues; R-C is sponsoring performances of an opera, "Franken Boy" which features an anti-bullying theme.

## PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS:

Options of Linn County- Wayne Clayton (via email):

We currently have a volunteer working to repair a bowling ball pusher.

We continue to host tours for Kirkwood students and show them assistive tech from RCRV.

Thanks for all you do

## RSVP Agency Report – Kayla Paulson:

Kayla Paulson has been named the new RSVP Coordinator for Linn County. She comes to United Way and RSVP most recently from the senior health-care industry. Kayla has professional experience both working with seniors and marketing/fundraising for non-profits.

RSVP is still collecting hours from stations and volunteers for 2012. RSVP should have a final 2012 count by the end of February.

Starting in February RSVP Members will be able to use the online hours reporting tool that syncs directly with our volunteer management software. This will elevate some of the data entry time. We have set it to only sync after being approved so that we can monitor data integrity especially in the beginning. We will be utilizing some beta testers in the beginning and then provide training and training materials before making it the only online reporting tool.

## UPCOMING EVENT

Want to know how you can make a difference during a disaster?

Join us for a Community Connections Open House featuring the in's and out's of being a Linn Area Emergency Volunteer. Learn what being a Linn Area Emergency Volunteer means and some of the possible volunteer roles you could fill. Sue Driscoll, Manager - Volunteer Engagement at United Way, will give a brief overview of some volunteer roles that are needed in the event of another

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disaster. Some roles are very similar to positions that many of our RSVP volunteers already do in the community.

Enjoy refreshments during the Open House and have the opportunity to meet Kayla Paulson, the new RSVP Coordinator of Linn County.

When: Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Presentation at 10:00 a.m.

Where: United Way Offices in the Human Services Campus Bldg., 317 7<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Ste 401

## WRAP – Angie Ehle:

38 jobs were completed in 2012, at least one in each month of that year. The queue stands at 3 at the moment, with several expected very soon.

## Salvation Army – Deb Applebee:

The fundraising goal for the red kettles fell a little short, but they have until the end of January to add to the total. They expect to reach the budget. The Salvation Army needs volunteers to help with their youth basketball program.

## COLLEGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT: - Kathy Waychoff

All Prairie High School 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students were given a Macbook Air laptop for their use while at Prairie High school. It helps to level the playing field as well as change the way our students interact, communicate and learn. They are learning 21<sup>st</sup> century skills that they can take onto college or into the workplace.

Chess Club is growing at Prairie. If you have an interest in helping our young people who to play chess or improve their skills, please contact me.

In April, 370 Prairie High School Juniors will complete a project called “Junior Interviews”. They will be sent out into the community to have a one-on-one mock interview with a business professional. This assignment is a requirement for graduation. Many of our students will be at Rockwell Collins for their interviews.

Prairie High School’s Key Club, sponsored by the Cedar Rapids Kiwanis Club, has been busy volunteering at several community events. They have accumulated 797 hours of volunteer work so far.

College Community Schools is looking for some great people to drive busses to transport our students to and from school. Great way to meet some nice kid and earn a little spending money. If you are interested, please contact Scott Grabe, Director of Transportation, at 848-5204 or by email at [scottgrabe@prairiepride.org](mailto:scottgrabe@prairiepride.org).

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## RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

### Community Projects: - John McDonough

Teresa Robinson and Jessica Link submitted resignations from the Board at the Annual Meeting. Both are moving on to new endeavors.

We had a request to design and build some bowling ramps for the Special Olympics. As they had to be built using tubing, we decided not to pursue. We could have provided ramps out of plywood, but this was not acceptable to the Special Olympics folks.

During the period, we, the SHIP counselors from St Lukes, Mercy Med Center, the Witwer Center and Heritage Area Agency on Aging have seen many clients saving some of them considerable moneys with their 2013 drug programs.

We continue to provide support to the local SCORE program.

Governor Branstad will induct Mike Wilson into the Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame on Feb 19, 2013 for his volunteer efforts in our community. Congratulations Mike on a job well done.

We continue with teaching classes at Jane Boyd with their after school program, the design and build of wheelchair ramps for the WRAP program, continued support of the EIOLC program, providing leadership at the LCTA, the Bring Up Grades program via the Kiwanis for the local Boys and Girls clubs, support of the company museum via docents, Fifi radio support, and volunteer efforts at the Treasures gift shop.

If you can dream it, we can do it.

### Data Base: – Jim Klein and Bill Ellis

Database was updated for:

Returned newsletter from the previous mailing

Obituaries from Wilma Shadle

Miscellaneous updates from phone and email messages

### MEMBERSHIP: - Kayla Paulson

December 2012 Stats

221 current volunteers

0 new this month

0 inactivated volunteer restarted

0 inactive volunteers terminated/removed

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70 members have reported hours for last month

1832.12 hours last month

Year-end Stats for 2012

221 volunteers at year-end

14 new in 2012

1 inactivated volunteer restarted

32 inactive volunteers terminated/removed

176 members have reported hours in 2012

38,641.28 hours to volunteered in 2012

COMMUNICATIONS: - Jim Green

No report.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Lamb adjourned the meeting at 3:00. The next board meeting will be

February at 1:30 at the Red Cross building

Submitted by: C. Wehage