

RCRV BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 20, 2013

1:30 Red Cross Building

Note:

Attendance: (**BOLD** indicates presence)

RCRV board members: **T. Lamb, D. Knuth, C. Wehage, J. McDonough, J. Green, J. Klein, T. Brennom, B. Clark**, B. Ellis, **D. Grimm**, E. Holstrom, V. Jackson, **C. Koop, D. Lenth, A. Meyer, J. Murphy**, K. Nelson, **B. Ocken**, F. Spading, **J. Spencer**, K. Sutherland, R. Thorpe, J. Vacherlon, J. Wauer, J. Wells, **M. Wilson**, J. Wirth

Community Service Agency Members:

Jo Dohoney*	Aging Services
Kathy Waychoff	College Community Schools
Meghan Schneekloth*	Four Oaks Bridge
Ann Griffin	Grant Wood AEA
Tracey Robertson	Heritage Agency on Aging
Jessica Link	Metro Library
Wayne Clayton	Options of Linn County
Barb Klawiter	REACT Center
Melissa Hall	Red Cross
Kayla Paulson	RSVP (also RCRV Membership Chair)
Debra Applebee	Salvation Army
Heidi Soethout	Sixth Judicial District
Jessie Diesing	SPANDA
Hilery Livengood	United Way
Angie Ehle	WRAP

* Pending candidate acceptance and approval by the board

Rockwell Collins: **Melanie Richert**, Manager of Community Relations

Guests: Suzanne Johannes, MPT – Physical Therapy, Grant Wood AEA

CALL TO ORDER

President Lamb determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. 19 board members were present, plus the guest speaker.

MINUTES:

John McDonough moved, and Don Grimm seconded a motion to approve the draft minutes of the February meeting. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PRESENTATION:

Ms. Johannes briefed the board on the adaptive tricycles purchased with last year's grant from RCRV, and showed some brief videos of progress being made

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by handicapped students. The trikes are available in three sizes, and are loaned to schools throughout the seven county AEA.

OLD BUSINESS: Dave Knuth suggested that RCRV members expand the news about the 2013 grant program, and seek applicants. Only one application has been received so far. May 2 is the hard and fast cutoff date for applications. Dave reminded all that the information is available on RCRV.org.

NEW BUSINESS:

The draft Strategic Plan was presented to the group. Dave Knuth moved and John McDonough seconded a motion to adopt the draft plan. Motion carried.

John McDonough moved and Dave Knuth seconded a motion to add Jessica Link and Hilery Livengood to the board. Motion carried. Kayla Paulson will contact two other candidates. Pending their acceptance, they will be proposed for board membership at a later date.

ROCKWELL COLLINS REPORT: M. Richert will take the lead to finalize the art for weather resistant banners for use at public events where RCRV participates. New yard signs derived from the new art will also be printed for use primarily at ramp builds.

PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS:

Options of Linn County- Wayne Clayton: Russ Schuchmann from Grinnell has returned the envelope stuffer and verified it still works. It will be used for a new project at Options.

RSVP Agency Report – Kayla Paulson:

Adding new Partner Agencies to help document the volunteer efforts of RCRV members. Please let me know if there are organizations that you are currently documenting as RCRV categories when you report hours.

We are scheduling Community Connections Events for all of 2012 so if you have suggestions of Volunteer Opportunities to showcase please let me know.

Mark your calendars for the RSVP Volunteer Appreciation Event on Monday, May 6th at the Hills Bank in Hiawatha off of Blairs Ferry Rd. Formal invites will be sent out. If you are interested in joining the Planning Committee please let me know.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

United Way's First Virtual Volunteer Fair

Will be on April 9. You will be able to chat with United Way staff about volunteerism, explore a number of great volunteer opportunities, and possibly find an additional volunteer position for yourself all from the comfort of your home. To visit the Virtual Volunteer Fair go to UnitedWayofEastCentrallowa.org.

Habitat for Humanity Community Connections Event at ReStore

You will be able to meet and socialize with other community volunteers, learn about great volunteer opportunities with Habitat for Humanity, hear from a Habitat for Humanity Volunteer, and kick-off a great build season.

To familiarize you with what Habitat for Humanity does, the organization is offering a scavenger hunt in ReStore to wrap-up the event.

When:

Wednesday, April 10

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Presentation at 10:00 a.m.

Where:

Habitat for Humanity ReStore 350 6th Ave SE
Downtown Cedar Rapids

United Way's Annual Volunteer Awards

The event will be held on **Friday, April 26**, at The Hotel at Kirkwood. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 and the program will begin at 8. There is a \$6 charge to attend this event and space is limited - [register today!](#)

WRAP – Angie Ehle:

The queue is currently 13, with 9 designers assigned. The Annual Appreciation breakfast is Thursday, March 28 at 8:00 in the St. Lukes heart classroom on 3rd floor. A workshop on aluminum ramp assembly will be held tomorrow after the Community Projects meeting at REACT. Four ramps will be built on May 9, the United Way Day of Caring

Heritage Agency on Aging – Tracey Robertson:

A bill is being drafted to create an Elder Abuse Law in Iowa and has the support of Senator Dvorsky. There's no number on the bill yet.

Tracey also reported that she needs two more clients for the Money Management Program, which would meet the goal set forth by this grant funded

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program. This program serves persons age 60+ (including persons with disabilities) and offers Bill Payer and Representative Payee services.

RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

Community Projects: - John McDonough

Rod Blocksome is making presentations to 3rd and 4th graders in the area on the Amelia Earhart project.

Dave Knuth will be teaching a class on iPad operation for the Witwer Center. The location has not been determined yet. He currently is supporting a class at the Hills Bank on Blairs Ferry Road.

John Wauer continues with the "Meet me at the Market" Blue Zone program. He said that they are planning a series of walk/run/bike events, which will begin on 5/13/13 and continue throughout the summer at various times.

Mike Duffy of the Rockwell Collins Rec Center requested that we assist them in the repair of older type exercise equipment. He brought in a computer board from one of the exercise equipments. Gordon Fabian is handling this project.

Krista Strait-Higgins of the Des Moines Office of the State chapter of the ALS Association spoke to us about the need for someone to build Laser Pointer devices for them. Terry Lamb is the contact person on this project. They have sent materials to us for 5 to 10 of the laser pointers. The laser is attached to person's glasses where the disabled person can point the laser towards a card that has a series of words. In this fashion, his thoughts are highlighted. This enables the disabled person to convey his thoughts to an associate for interpretation.

Ashley Riphagen of the Iowa

She represents the Easter Seals Program in Des Moines. She asked us for our assistance in procuring medical equipment donations for Easter Seals such as wheel chairs etc. She wanted us to assist them in the selection of a local advertising media, and the selection of a location for the Medical Equipment Drive. We agreed that we could assist her on the day of the drive, but not in the preceding efforts. We can assist in the cataloging of the medical device donations.

Sherri Hildebrand of Sportability requested our assistance in how to better secure a curtain 10 feet X 25 feet, that is used to stop arrows that miss the target in their archery competitions. This curtain will be used in both indoor and outdoor

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competitions. Therefore, it must be capable of withstanding wind of a degree. We are investigating this request. Dick Lenth had a possible solution for Sherri.

We continue to support SHIIP, EIOLC. LCTA, Welcome to Medicare Seminars, the REACT Center, the Honor Flight, GWAEA School Board efforts as well as the State School board, the company museum, the Jane Boyd after school classes, the SCORE program, plus the Wright and Pierce Kindergarten Science classes.

If you can dream it, we can do it.

Data Base: – Jim Klein and Bill Ellis

Database was updated for the obituaries from Wilma Shadle, phone messages and emails

eNewsletter field added to the Access database

Created a Microsoft Word mailmerge document to extract the eNewsletter mailing list. I still need to create an Access report to do the same. The Access report will result in less manual work to create the list.

Updated database for the people who have requested the eNewsletter in emails to the RCRV

So far 59 people have signed up for the eNewsletter. This represents about 1.5% of the mailing list and a postage savings of \$27.14

MEMBERSHIP: - Kayla Paulson

February 2013 Stats

221 current volunteers

1 new this month

0 inactivated volunteer restarted

0 inactive volunteers terminated/removed

53 members have reported hours for last month

1511.89 hours

Year-to-date Stats for 2013

216 volunteers at year-end

2 new in 2013

0 inactivated volunteer restarted

5 inactive volunteers terminated/removed

91 members have reported hours in 2013

3,390.01 hours to volunteered in 2013

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Top Ten Volunteer Hours

Station Name	Job Name	Hours
<i>RCRV</i>	<i>Non-Profit</i>	<i>548.58</i>
REACT Center	REACT Computer Technician	462.90
<i>RCRV</i>	<i>Administration & Leadership</i>	<i>438.90</i>
<i>RCRV</i>	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>309.55</i>
Marion Food Pantry	Food Pantry Assistant	206.00
<i>RCRV</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>158.00</i>
St. Luke's Hospital	SHIP Counselor	157.75
RCRV	Tax Assistance	120.00
Lisbon History Center Foundation	Historical Museum	111.00
St. Luke's Hospital	Volunteer Program - St. Luke's	110.92

COMMUNICATIONS: - Jim Green

No report.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Lamb adjourned the meeting at 2:30. The next board meeting will be April 17 at 1:30 at the Red Cross building

Submitted by: C. Wehage