

RCRV BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 18, 2013, 1:30 PM

American Red Cross

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:

Myrt Bowers	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	Cedar Rapids Public Library
Wayne Clayton	Options of Linn County
Barb Klawiter	REACT Center
Melissa Hall	Red Cross
Kayla Paulson	RSVP (also RCRV Membership Chair)
TBD	Salvation Army
Heidi Soethout	Sixth Judicial District
Jessie Diesing	SPANDA
Hilery Livengood	United Way
Angie Ehle	WRAP

Rockwell Collins: **Melanie Richert**, Senior Community Relations Specialist

Guests: Adriana D'Onofrio, Senior Community Relations Specialist, Rockwell Collins

CALL TO ORDER

John McDonough presided, determined a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. 15 board members were present.

MINUTES:

Jim Klein moved, and Jim Green seconded a motion to approve the draft minutes of the August meeting. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PRESENTATION:

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Adriana D'Onofrio was introduced by Melanie Richert. Adriana is focused on STEM projects and has replaced Kim Beals. She was a Lego mentor. She provided information via email on the following project:

Rockwell Collins' Engineering Experiences Pen Pal Program is looking for volunteers connect with local elementary school students. Volunteering as a pen pal is a fun and easy way to help students sharpen their reading, writing and communication skills – and it doesn't take a lot of time. Pen pals exchange letters with students almost every month throughout the school year, and participate in two brown bag lunch visits – one at Rockwell Collins and another at the student's school.

This year, the program is seeking pen pals for students at Francis Marion Intermediate School, Pierce Elementary School, Wright Elementary School, and St. Pius X and St. Ludmila Catholic schools.

I had a status meeting with the Pen Pal organizers today, and we finally got all of the volunteers we needed. I'm sorry for misleading you guys! On Monday, I was told we needed 30 more volunteers...these organizers work fast! However, I do want to give you the information about our Pen Pal Volunteer Program. Maybe this would be something we could pursue with RCRV in September 2014?

OLD BUSINESS: - None

NEW BUSINESS: - None

ROCKWELL COLLINS REPORT: - Melanie Richert

The R-C STEM education strategy was reviewed. There are 383 Lego teams in Iowa of which 182 are sponsored by R-C. There are 123 registered First Tech Challenge teams in Iowa, with a goal of 160

Engineer's Week will have a special focus on females; project Lead-The-Way presents classes in schools on engineering; R-C is conducting factory tours for the 80 PLTW kids (plus teachers) at a time.

Governor's Advisory Council Someone (I don't remember who) asked if Rockwell Collins was measuring the impact that our STEM involvement was making on students. Rockwell Collins is not measuring the results but the Governor's STEM Advisory Council is looking at developing a way to measure the impact and Rockwell Collins will play an active role in that. Adriana will sit on the Governor's STEM Advisory Council.

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Vern asked if Rockwell Collins had ever considered providing funds for schools to be able to purchase these types of materials for their classrooms. We don't have any discretionary funds for this type of thing, I, along with Jim Green suggested that he and the other volunteers check with the Grant Wood AEA for those types of resources.

PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS:

Options of Linn County- Wayne Clayton:

The main activity we have is a listening station being repaired by RCRV (Jim V). That was completed yesterday. Also the Abilities in Action conference is coming up in October. Options helps at RCRV's display table.

Thanks for all you do.

WRAP: - Angie Ehle

The Queue is at 9, five of which are ASI clients with designers assigned and approved funding

RSVP Agency Report – Kayla Paulson:

Continue to recruit both new volunteers and volunteer efforts. Actively looking for both volunteer opportunities for veterans and supporting veterans. We would like to have a Veteran feature for Veteran's Day but will need to pull together content and spotlight some volunteers. Please reach out to Kayla Paulson at 319.398.5372 x37 or KPaulson@uweci.org if you have ideas or contacts.

Emergency Volunteer Center training is this coming Monday, September 23rd from 6:00 to 9:00 at the Rex Eno Conference Center in the Human Services Campus. The training includes an interactive emergency volunteer center exercise where participants experience the EVC model and practice managing spontaneous volunteers. [Register today for this free training!](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

If anyone is interested in sharing their knowledge, passions and talents with elementary students reach out to KPaulson@uweci.org and she will connect you with Beth Malicki at Kids on Course.

[There's a] large need for tutors, readers, and mentors with elementary students throughout Linn County. Please let me know if you would be interested in learning more about these volunteer opportunities.

Bill Payer positions are open with the Heritage Area Agency on Aging

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Empower parents with young children with Play & Learn as the Early Learning Program Assistant. You will assist with setting up the session, actively participating in and reinforcing children's play, communicating with children at their level, and helping maintain a positive and nurturing environment at all sessions.

Heritage Agency on Aging: - Tracey Robertson

Bill payer positions are open at Heritage.

Upcoming events:

On Thursday, Oct. 10 from 10:30am-12pm at the Kirkwood Center (attached to the Kirkwood Hotel) - Heritage Agency Regional Advocacy Forum on Home and Community Based Services for senior and disability advocates. To RSVP, call 319-398-5559.

On Wednesday, November 6 from 8:30am-2pm at the Kirkwood Training and Outreach Center - Caregiver Wellness Day, featuring a variety of uplifting speakers, continental breakfast and lunch buffet, door prizes, and an opportunity to visit sponsor booths. This is a FREE event. To register, call 398-5559 or email Lejla.ford@kirkwood.edu.

RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

Community Projects: - John McDonough

- Terry Lamb worked with Beth Malichi on Kids in Action program. He will be speaking to 2, 3, and 4th graders on aviation. It is an eight week program for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday's. He needs assistance in this effort.
- The Cedar Rapids Library open house was held during this past period. We had several volunteers working with Jessica Link during this activity.
- Tracey Robertson needs help with AARP's Money Management program. They have a training session for new volunteers. See Tracey if you want more info at 398-1559 or <http://www.tracey.robertson@kirkwood.edu>.
- Insurance meetings will be held on Oct 7, 8, or 9th at 9:00, 12:30, or 3:00 each day. Extend Health will be at 4 of the sessions and RC folks from Cypress CA will be at each meeting. The meetings will again be held at KTOS in Marion (across the street from Carlos O'Kelley's Restaurant. Reservations

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are required to hold attendance to 200 maximum each session. Call 319-369-7475.

- SHIP folks have been providing Welcome To Medicare instructional meetings at UnityPoint Health St Lukes Hospital for folks just going into Medicare. James Wolfe, Joe Wells and Don Grimm have been hosting these events.
- UWECI had a basic Emergency Volunteer Center Training session provided by Sue Driscoll. We had several volunteers attend this free educational seminar on how to set up and man an emergency volunteer center if an emergency event should occur in the Cedar Rapids area.

We continue to support many nonprofit requests for assistance.

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, emails and for those who have requested the eNewsletter.
- Database was updated for the returned June newsletters that has valid new addresses.
- Prepared the retiree mailing list for the “Insurance Meeting” postcard to be sent to RCI when needed.
- Subsequent to making the insurance meeting mailing list I received the new retiree list from RCI for the months of July through September 2013. This list has been incorporated into the database and the mailing list for the insurance meeting postcard.
- Modified the eNewsletter report to include mailing addresses. This was done so these could be included in the insurance postcard mailing list.

Communications: - Jim Green

Postcard announcement of the upcoming retiree insurance briefings will go out soon.

MEMBERSHIP and RETENTION - Kayla Paulson (via email):

August 2013 Stats
227 current volunteers
2 new this month

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0 inactivated volunteer restarted
0 inactive volunteers terminated/removed
71 members have reported hours for last month
1788.72 hours

Year-to-date Stats for 2013 (pulled as of today)

227 volunteers as of today
7 new in 2013
1 inactivated volunteer restarted
6 inactive volunteers terminated/removed
143 members have reported hours in 2013
20,131.41 hours reported in 2013

Top Ten Volunteer Hours:

Volunteer Position/Opportunity	Partner Agency	Hours
REACT Computer Technician	REACT Center	3101.20
Non-Profit	<i>RCRV</i>	<i>2418.26</i>
Administration & Leadership	<i>RCRV</i>	<i>2009.10</i>
Miscellaneous	<i>RCRV</i>	<i>1259.06</i>
Volunteer Program- St. Luke's	St. Luke's Hospital	968.82
SHIIP Counselor	St. Luke's Hospital	948.00
Food Pantry Assistant	Marion Food Pantry	750.00
Education	<i>RCRV</i>	<i>675.85</i>
Veterans Assistance/VFW/American Legion	<i>RCRV</i>	<i>609.90</i>
WRAP	WRAP	548.50

ADJOURNMENT:

Presider McDonough adjourned the meeting at 3:00. The next board meeting will be October 16 at 1:30 at American Red Cross

Submitted by: C. Wehage