

RCRV BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 19, 2014, 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, **R. Pierce**, **B. Ocken**, F. Spading, **J. Spencer**, **K. Sutherland**, J. Vacherlon, **J. Wauer**, J. Wells, **M. Wilson**, J. Wirth

Community Service Agency Members:

Katy Horan	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
Laura Nass	Horizons
Kayla Paulson	RSVP (also RCRV Membership Chair)
Kristen Weaverling	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

CALL TO ORDER

Dave Knuth presided, determined a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM. There are 25 board members present.

MINUTES:

Jim Green made, and John McDonough seconded, a motion to approve the draft minutes of the January board meeting. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PRESENTATION: The scheduled speaker had a back injury that prevented his speaking. The presentation will be rescheduled for a future date.

OLD BUSINESS: Dave Knuth stated that Rockwell Collins provides \$10,000 in funds each year that non-profit organizations can make application for grants. The grant theme this year is Inspire Tomorrow's STEM Professionals. No applications have yet been

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received for the 2014 RCRV grants. Evaluation of applications is April 3rd with award made the first week of May. The cut-off date for applications is April 2nd. No grant applications have been received to date.

NEW BUSINESS: John McDonough made and the motion was seconded to make additions and corrections to the Board of Directors. Welcomed were Rob Pierce, Secretary/Treasurer, Laura Nass, Horizons, and Kristen Weaverling, Salvation Army, and Kathy Horan, Aging Services, were accepted as new board members and officers.

ROCKWELL COLLINS REPORT: Melanie Richert reported a group of coops were joining R-C in June and may be a source of volunteers for projects. There has been some benchmarking how to get retirees and coops working together for intergenerational synergies.

PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS:

Options of Linn County: Wayne Clayton:

I don't have anything to report for active RCRV requests, but I wanted to let you know that I may miss next week's RCRV board meeting due to a scheduling conflict. If able, though, I will attend.

WRAP: Angie Ehle reported their queue is increasing (10 projects). Seven are builds, 2 removals and 1 repair. They will do 6 builds in 2 days.

WRAP will be having a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast date TBD in early April.

RSVP Agency Report: Kayla Paulson reported that she is still capturing hours from 2013. They need to clean up the member list to eliminate people not responding or participating. It wastes funds to cover them for insurance.

Pen Pals at Grant Wood school 5th grade are interested in participating (53 students). Volunteers needed.

Need Supplemental Nutrition Assistance volunteers to give presentations and to assist with eligibility assessments; participating with Iowa Food Bank and HACAP.

Tax season – RCRV is supporting through AARP and VITA.

Days of Caring are May 8th and 9th this year.

Horizons Report: Laura Nass reported their 4th annual Meals On Wheels fundraiser was a huge success with over 5000 lunches purchased at \$10 each for more than \$50,000 plus other donations. Meals on wheels has more than 2000 clients.

Department of Corrections Report: Heidi Soethout reported the Larry the Lunchbox was a big hit with 4 visits.

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Salvation Army Report: Kristin Weaverling reported their garden project will be a huge undertaking. They need lots of help with planning.

The Toys for Tots registration system is outdated and needs a committee to develop a better system for them.

Basketball league is in need of volunteers to assist with the concession stand.

Planning their summer children's program and have funds for enrolling 55 kids.

Heritage Agency on Aging: Tracey Robertson stated that she will be a presenter at next month meeting on Aging/Elder Abuse. A bill has been introduced in the Iowa house and senate and assigned to committees. The bill is based on the Elder Abuse Taskforce recommendations. Passage is anticipated. It is rumored to have \$600,000 appropriation attached.

Cedar Rapids Public Library: Jessica Link reported the public library was undergoing a leadership change with the departure in May of the library Director. He has left the city with a world class library and successfully built 2 new facilities in one year.

Over spring break the library will host a Mind Craft event for kids (March 25th). There will be live action Mind Craft with some kids building as the games are played by others. Need volunteers to assist with the event. Jessica will send Jon a sign-up sheet.

RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

Community Projects: John McDonough reported they are currently providing assistance to the public library with computer courses.

Set up computers for Campfire.

Received a request from Prairie Point Middle School to build a 16 x 24 foot green house.

Indian Creek Nature Center asked for volunteers to help with Maple Syrup days.

Data Base: Jim Klein and Bill Ellis
Database was updated for a few returned newsletters requests for the eNewsletter.

Started to review the database documentation. Some of it hasn't been updated for 12 years.

Communications: Jim Green reported the next newsletter is 65% drafted. R-C has been requested to order envelopes.

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MEMBERSHIP and RETENTION: Kayla Paulson reported a gain of 1500 service hours for a total over 32,000 hours so far that could reach 50,000.

For 2014 there were 232 people listed active with 72 active in January totaling over 1700 hours.

Recruiting letter went out to ~50 retirees in January.

ADJOURNMENT:

John McDonough moved, and Jim Green seconded a motion to adjourn. Presider Knuth adjourned the meeting at 2:08. The next board meeting will be 1:30 PM March 19, location Red Cross.

Submitted by: R. Pierce