

RCRV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 21, 2015, 1:30 PM

Cedar Rapids Public Library

Attendance: (Bold indicates presence)

RCRV Board:

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

Community Service Agency Members:

Kathy Horan	Aging Services
Kathy Waychoff	College Community Schools
Unassigned	Four Oaks Bridge
Ann Griffin	Grant Wood AEA
Melissa Adams	Heritage Agency on Aging
Jessica Link	Cedar Rapids Public Library
Wayne Clayton	Options of Linn County
Barb Klawiter	REACT Center
Shana Beal	Red Cross
Laura Semprini	Horizons
Kayla Paulson	RSVP & RCRV Membership
Kristen Weaverling	Salvation Army
Heidi Soethout	Sixth Judicial District
Carole Dzingle	United Way
Hilery Livengood	United Way
Angie Ehle	WRAP
Karla Terry	Linn Mar Schools

Rockwell Collins:

Melanie Richert Senior Community Relations Specialist

Call To Order:

Terry Lamb presided, determined a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order at 1:30.

Minutes:

The minutes of the October meeting were accepted, with a motion by McDonough and a second by Green, and unanimous approval of the attendees.

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Presentation:

Dara Schmidt, Cedar Rapids Library Director, gave an overview of the facility. There are multiple meeting spaces available, for no charge during normal working hours. The library continues operations under the original theme, following contemporary practices that recognize most knowledge now resides on databases. The library is using more volunteers, replacing staff in some instance – especially for help with software applications. The Tablets for Tots program was mentioned, where preschoolers can check out a computer like a book. Including e-books, the library has 10 to 20 percent more books than pre-flood.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Meghan Schneekloth is no longer at Four Oaks. She has not been replaced, and so there's no RCRV contact at the organization.

Phil White was nominated by motion of Mike Wilson, seconded by John Anderson, for the position of Vice President. Motion carried. Dave Knuth is moving to warmer climes.

Don Grimm is changing the agency registration of RCRV at the Iowa Secretary of State office to another board member.

Partner Agency Reports:

Wayne Clayton, Options of Linn County, described the changes facing his organization. RCRV will be providing a link to "Pipeline", a newsletter reporting on the Day Habilitation program.

Karla Terry, Linn Mar Schools, reports that the award from last year's distribution had a beneficial effect, and she again thanks RCRV and Rockwell Collins.

Angie Ehle, WRAP, reports that last year was another huge success. It was WRAP's 10th.

Melissa Adams, Heritage, reports that more than \$90K has been received for Meals On Wheels.

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Carole Dzingle, United Way, reviewed the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Many new changes have somewhat limited availability this tax season. Early signup for help is recommended.

Kathy Waychoff, College Community Schools expressed its appreciation to RCRV members for the construction of the Greenhouse at Prairie Point Middle School. It is a wonderful tool for our students to learn and grow – right along with the plants in the greenhouse!

Our student population continues to increase at College Community and to accommodate that growth and plan for future expansion, we will be asking our patrons to consider a bond issue later this spring.

We are gearing up for our Junior Interview project at Prairie High School. Every 11th grade student will be interviewed by a business professional as an opportunity to learn and strengthen their interview skills.

Laura Semprini, Horizons, asks our help with their 5th annual “Share the Love” lunchbox fundraiser. They offer great meals, desserts, and cookbooks delivered to homes in the community. They need drivers.

Jessica Link, United Way, had no report.

RSVP Agency Report:

Kayla Paulson: via email

United Way’s 55+ Initiative Report

Kayla Paulson is unable to attend today since she is doing a Volunteer Engagement Training for Big River United Way in Keokuk.

United Way’s 55+ Initiative is thrilled to wrapping up another great year of empowering volunteers 55 and better in our community. We have deepened relationships with existing Partners in Volunteerism agencies, created new partnerships and continue to get great referrals from our volunteers. We are seeing a trend in getting pseudo retired and active professionals that are joining the 55+ Initiative at a higher rate than ever before.

We will be wrapping up year two of our three year federal grant this June and will start to look at reevaluating our “Priority Volunteer Opportunities”, in other words the volunteer opportunities that are specifically called out in the grant. Kayla will be creating opportunities for volunteers to share ideas, insights and needs that they are aware of with her over the next six months to a year.

There continues to be an influx of skilled operational and administrative volunteer opportunities that agencies are looking for. Some of these have a limited project length, can be done remotely and/or very flexible working schedules. United Way is moving forward with the Strategic Planning and Capacity Corps idea that Kayla

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has shared at weekly meetings. If you are interested in being a key stakeholder; which includes helping develop the trainings, resources and criteria for this program or want to know more about how you can help nonprofits with strategic planning, visioning, strategizing and facilitating meeting please reach out to Kayla via email or phone.

Kayla Paulson – 319.398.5372 x837 or KPaulson@uweci.org

RCRV Committee Chair Reports:

RCRV Membership Recruiting/Retention Report – Kayla Paulson

Stats for December 2014

- 189 active volunteers
- 0 new volunteers
- 0 inactivated volunteer restarted
- 0 inactive volunteers terminated/inactivated
- 74 members have reported hours
- 1,614.39 hours

Stats for 2014

- 189 active volunteers
- 7 new volunteers
- 2 inactivated volunteers restarted
- 52 inactive volunteers terminated/removed
- 166 members have reported hours
- 31,183.07 hours

RCRV Comprehensive Stats (based on what RSVP/55+ Initiative has tracked since the beginning)

- 478 members (includes anyone who ever filled out an app.)
- 381 members reported service hours
- 433,696.26 hours

Based on the national value of a volunteer hour we will likely \$10,000,000.00 of in-kind volunteer service to the community if all members accurately report their hours during 2015!!!

Top 10 Opportunities supported by RCRV Volunteers in 2014

Non-Profit	RCRV	6131.78
REACT Computer Technician	REACT Center	3051.00
SHIIP Counselor - Unity Point	Unity Point Health - St. Luke's Hospital	3042.71
Volunteer Program- St. Luke's	Unity Point Health - St. Luke's Hospital	2212.15

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Community Project Meeting	RCRV	1770.48
WRAP Laborer	WRAP	1754.65
	Unity Point Health - St. Luke's	
SHIIP Advantage Admin	Hospital	1143.68
Education Enrichment Volunteer	RCRV	1094.54
AARP Tax Assistance	RCRV	1032.00
Transportation	Jones County RSVP	961.50

Data Base: Jim Klein

- The database was updated for:
 - Returned newsletters
 - Changes in board of directors voted on at the annual meeting in November

Community Projects: John McDonough

- UnityPoint St Lukes Witwer Children's Therapy center requested that we modify 10 stuffed dogs with push button switches on their behalf. Keith Sutherland indicated that he would do this. He came up with a procedure to do this, but time ran out as he left for vacation. The dogs and procedure are in our office looking for someone to take over and complete this activity.
- Collins Signal and Collins Column issues have been put on the web. They can be found at <http://www.rockwellcollinsmuseum.org>.

2014 WRAP Accomplishments

- 1.35 wooden ramp builds
 - 2.15 wooden ramp removals
 - 3.5 AI Ramp installs
 - 4.4 AI ramp removals
 - 5.1 wooden ramp repair
 - 6.1 ramp designed
 - 7.1 handrails and steps installed
 - 8.Total 62 for 2014. This is a record for the WRAP program.
 - 45 for 2013
 - 37 for 2013
 - 26 for 2011
 - 21 for 2010
- The Ramp design manual has been updated as well.

- Pierce School needs a volunteer manager to take over the Kindergarten Science Classes as Art Roderick is going to step down.
- Income Tax efforts will be starting shortly at UWECI. If you want help, please

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call 211 for an appointment. This is a free confidential service.

- His hands Free Clinic needs volunteers. A list of their needs can be found in last weeks email.
- Jack Murphy is building 12 large ball throwers for Grant Wood.
- We continue to provide volunteer help with the local Lego programs, Future Cities efforts, SHIP, SCORE, Honor Flight, and EOLC activities.

If you can dream it, we can do it.