

RCRV BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 15, 2015
Linn Mar Schools Learning Center

Attendance: (Bold indicates presence)

RCRV Board:

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

Community Service Agency Members:

Laurie Mitchell	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 Board, with a motion by McDonough seconded by Clark, and unanimous approval of the Board, accepted the minutes of the March meeting.

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Presentation: Bob Read and Jeff Frost, teachers at Linn Mar, presented the school's programs in technology. Seventh grade students are using AutoDesk, robotic development kits and 3D printing. The school offers 156 courses in technology. Old time shop courses are replaced by CNC technology for wood and metal fabrication. Their robotics program will compete at the world championship level in Saint Louis. The campus is currently spending \$30M for renovation in science, agriculture and STEM. The Ag department offers 7 courses and has one full time teacher.

One major area is Project Lead the Way curriculum to address biotech engineering. The program integrates middle school and high school programs to get the benefits of continuity.

Teacher training and continuing education is through programs with Iowa State.

Old Business: Phil White announced receipt of three applications for RCRV grants with more on the way. Grant awards will happen in June.

New Business: None

Partner Agency Reports:

Laura Semprini – Horizons

Horizons will host an appreciation event on the 30th of this month. They will partner with the library for Money Smart Week on Saturday and Sunday. Laura and spouse enlisted in the Peace Corps, so this is her last board meeting. She sent the following by email:

It was nice to be at today's meeting to say goodbye. As promised, I am connecting you with Ms. Sherita Jenkins, one of Horizons' Volunteer Coordinators. Sherita does great work managing our volunteers and I think will be an excellent representative for Horizons as a partner agency on the RCRV board.

Sherita is copied on this email, and her contact information is:

sjenkins@horizonsfamily.org
319-398-3943 ext. 1012

I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked together over the past year and a half or so. Keep up the good work!

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Kayla Paulson – United Way's 55+ Initiative Report

Mark your calendars for United Way's 55+ Initiative Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event on Wednesday, May 27. If you, or someone you know, are interested in serving on a committee to plan the event please contact Kayla at 319.398.5372 x837 or Kayla.Paulson@uweci.org.

Friday is the last day to register for United Way's Outstanding Volunteer Awards Breakfast. RCRV Nominee, John Wauer, is a finalist.

Friday, May 8th United Way is looking for 4 volunteers to help sort Day of Caring T-shirts for companies. The opportunity consists of grabbing a company t-shirt order list and selecting the right sizes and quantities. Putting the shirts, pull list, information packet, etc. in the box and making sure that it is labeled with the company name (and if there is a box count – "box 1 of 3"). If you are interested in this one-time couple hour volunteer opportunity please let Kayla Paulson know (319.398.5372 x 837 or KPaulson@uweci.org).

United Way's 55+ Initiative will be sending out a volunteer survey that should take about 15 minutes. There will be the option to take it online or via paper survey. If you have any questions please contact Kayla Paulson at 319.398.5372 x 837 or KPaulson@uweci.org.

Angie Ehle – WRAP

Thirteen projects are complete this year, and thirteen more are in queue.

Wayne Clayton – Options

We continue our focus on building up our Day Hab program, which emphasizes community integration and skills of daily living. No paid contract work takes place in this program, but there is a great deal of connection with our community partners and many volunteer opportunities available for the people we serve.

Carole Dzingle – United Way

The United Way Day of Caring is coming up, along with the Volunteer Breakfast at Hills Bank in Hiawatha. United Way tote up the value of area volunteerism; it comes to about \$6M in value.

Kathy Waychoff – College Community Schools

All students and staff are looking forward to the end of the school year. The greenhouse RCRV helped with is great. Prairie had 105 volunteers for the interview practice program

Jessica Link – Cedar Rapids Public Library

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The library is preparing for the summer reading program, and could use some volunteers.

The new building received a rare recognition from an architectural society; it is one of six buildings in the world recognized for the green design features.

Committee Reports:

John McDonough - Community Projects:

- Jack Murphy has completed the 12 large ball launchers for Grant Wood AEA. He delivered to Ann Griffin during the last period.
- AARP and VITA tax efforts have been completed for 2015.
- UnityPoint Health St Lukes SHIP and John Wauer are up for awards at UWECI. Voting was completed on 4/9/15. Winners will be announced at their annual breakfast being held at the Hotel at Kirkwood on April 23, 2015.
- On 5/4/2015 I will represent the UnityPoint Health St Lukes Hospital SHIP program at the annual American Hospital Association program meeting in Washington DC for a Hospital Awards for Volunteer Excellence (HAVE) award. The St Lukes program was selected from over a hundred entries. We saved our clients over \$700,000 this past year.
- We had a visit from Sean Martin a RC employee who presented to us an idea for using High School juniors and seniors for summer programs where they would video tape various projects for major concerns in the Cedar Rapids area. Sean would like help from us in organizing the program and then in starting it up.
- The first public night for the EIOLC was held this month at the observatory. They had over 100 attendees. Things went well with the lessons in light display providing the highlights.
- The Governor Awards will be held at Linn-Mar High School Auditorium this year. The date has not been selected yet. Rockwell Collins will again provide the refreshments at the event. RCRV will provide parking attendants as well as ushers for this event. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor have been invited to join us at RCRV's and the REACT's annual appreciation event this year which will be held after the Governor's Award Ceremonies at a local restaurant. We have gone to the Outback the past two years.

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- Don Pirrie of Tanager Place requested our assistance with his summer camps this year. The camps are for boys and girls in the 8 to 11 years of age. They will provide organized rocketry, lego, computer activities. They would like us to assist in the organization of the camps with each camp lasting one week. Events will be held for one hour durations and repeated at each camp.

We continue to provide volunteer support to local nonprofit organizations. If you can dream it, we can do it.

Jim Klein - Data Base:

No report this month

Kayla Paulson – RCRV Membership and Retention

RCRV Membership Recruiting/Retention Report

Stats for February 2015

- 190 active volunteers
- 0 new volunteers
- 0 inactivated volunteer restarted
- 0 inactive volunteers terminated/inactivated
- 56 members have reported hours (29%)
- 1484 hours

Stats for 2015

- 191 active volunteers
- 1 new volunteers
- 1 inactivated volunteers restarted
- 1 inactive volunteers terminated/removed

- 103 members have reported hours (54%)
- 5424 hours