

Minutes of the RCRV Board of Directors Meeting March 18, 2009

These minutes were approved at the board meeting April 15, 2009.

TIME AND LOCATION 1:30 P. M, Red Cross Building.

PRESENT

RCRV members: Faye Spading, Kay Nelson, Judy Wirth, John McDonough, Les Haerther, Cliff Koop, Arlo Meyer, Jack Murphy, Chuck Wehage, Mike Wilson, Bob Ocken, Rod Thorpe, Don Grimm, Bill Ellis, Jim Green, Jim Klein, Vern Jackson, Jim Spencer
Community Service Agency members: Linda Dearing, Carol Luth, Mary Beth Mingus, Heidi Soethout, Barbara Hoffman

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairman, Jim Green, determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. 23 members were present.

PROGRAM

As there was no formal presentation, Linda Dearing, Heritage Agency on Aging, asked the members to fill out a nutrition survey for Heritage.

MINUTES

Don Grimm moved to accept the February 18, 2009 RCRV board minutes as printed on the RCRV website. John McDonough seconded. Motion: carried

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Green will ask Cindy Dietz to *increase* the grant money to her budget for next year.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2009 RCRV Charitable Grant
 - a. Theme of the grant was announced “ Services to the Elderly”
 - b. Application form can be downloaded from the RCRV website
 - c. Closing date is 5 pm May 1, 2009
 - d. Applications can be mailed to the RCRV office at REACT or submitted via the RCRV website
 - e. Recommendations from the grant committee will be presented at the May 20th board meeting.

ROCKWELL COLLINS REPORT- Cindy Dietz

Cindy was not able to be present at today’s meeting

PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS

1. **Heritage Agency on Aging- Linda Dearing**

Presented information on Money Smart Week April 20-25
April 21 sessions will be held at Guaranty Bank & Trust
302 Third Ave. SE

 - 10:00- 11:00 *Identity Theft* – Tom Brennom- presenter- TRIAD
 - 11:00- Noon- *What You Should Know about Medicare and Medicare Fraud*
Sharon Tauke- presenter- SHIIP

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- 1:00-2:00 *Investment & Insurance Frauds*- Jeffrey Johnston- presenter- TRIAD
- 2:00- 3:00 *Current Schemes and Scams in Iowa*- Nevin Meredith- presenter- TRIAD
- 3:00-4:00 *Home Maintenance & Repair Fraud*- Teresa Robinson- presenter- Aging Services
- For further information contact Linda Dearing at 319-389-5559 Heritage

2. Department of Correctional Services- Heidi Soethout

CCIA VISTA Recruitment -

VISTA Flood Recovery offers an opportunity to get involved and help others with flood recovery/rebuild, while earning a monthly living allowance and an educational benefit. Community Corrections Improvement Association is currently seeking to fill several summer associate and year long positions. Living allowance does not affect benefits individuals are currently receiving, including unemployment. Applications are available online. Visit our website www.vistacorridorrecovery.org to learn more about our work in the community and how you can get involved today!

DCS Crew Work -

Crew Leader is in process identifying community service projects for the summer. Non-profits, please let us know if you have a need.

3. Cedar Rapids Vision in Motion- Carol Luth

- Thank you to Joe Wells, Ron Tonneson and Tom Brennom for the construction of an adaptive kitchen- along with other projects at the clinic.
- VIM was awarded a Pilot International grant for ImPACT- a concussion evaluation program
- VIM was picked as one of eight sites in the nation to be part of a clinical study on macular degeneration. Purpose of study is to determine if a particular therapy can stimulate the preferred retinal locus to help in the ability to read
- Gearing up for three summer camps, beginning in June

4. Options of Linn County- Wayne Clayton sent the following report read by Barbara Hoffman

Recent activity:

1. Russ in Grinnell is working on envelope stuffers for a couple of our consumers. The concept is excellent and Russ is making just a few modifications to customize for our people.
2. Dick Kittrel is working on a conveyor belt project for a consumer working in the community.
3. John Wauer is working on a cash register simulation project for a group of consumers.

Also, Options has an awards night each spring honoring our consumers. This year we will also recognize RCRV with a Distinguished Community Service Award for 10 years of working on assistive tech solutions for the people we serve. The date is April 24 and the event will be held at St Jude's Parish Center in Cedar Rapids. We would like to

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invite a RCRV member/s to attend, receive the award, and, of course, enjoy some goodies.

5. Four Oaks Bridge- Mary Beth Mingus

Mary Beth reported Four Oaks Bridge received a STEM grant from the Optimists to begin a new unit for third and fourth graders entitled "Making Work Easier- Using Simple Machines." This hands-on curriculum will begin April 14th, 2009.

6 .RSVP – Barbara Hoffman

- 25 new RSVP members since January 1, 2009
- 10 of which are RCRV members
- 70 projects report for RCRV for the month – see addendum

RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. Community Projects- John McDonough

1. We worked on Debra Brooks (Phyllis Brook's daughter) home by doing many items such as grab bar installation, door insulating, cabinet repair etc. Joe Wells and Ron Tonneson worked together to complete the activity.
2. We have had a request from Heart of Iowa to do some work at their facility. They need to get some cabinet bases stained and installed plus the build of a shed to be located on their property.
3. Lots of SHIIP activities. We now have two more RCRV folks that are going to take the training in Des Moines starting at the end of March. We also have several RCRV folks doing income tax activities.
4. The Volunteer was distributed this past period.
5. The Community Free Clinic is looking for ball point pens! They are also looking for such things as walkers, crutches, etc to assist folks who need them. RCRV volunteers are also providing computer support to their networks.
6. I forwarded a couple of requests for ramp design and build to Angela Berns.
7. We continue to do many TV conversions for folks in the area. We are getting lots of requests from Heritage as well as some on our own phone message system.
8. We continue to provide support to folks that need help in getting their homes rebuilt after the flood of 2008.
9. Cliff Koop has built 16 "Astronaut Boards" for the Witwer Therapy Center on North Center Point Road.
10. Chuck Wehage has built 3 "Bumper Mobiles" for Grant Wood AEA.
11. Several members will be visiting the Children's Museum in Coralville Mall on Friday, March 20th at their request to see first hand what they need from us in building their Aviation Exhibit. Tim Busch of Rockwell Collins will head up the activities.
12. We had a request from Grant Wood Elementary School to see if we could help them repair several TV's that they have in their class rooms. Chuck Wehage will investigate.
13. We continue to provide support to GWAEA, Options of Linn County, Eastern Iowa Observatory and Learning Center, 4 Oaks bridge, Vision in Motion, Aging Services, the Witwer Center, and Heritage as well as many other agencies.
14. If you have any TV Conversion Coupons that you are not going to use, then please donate to us so we can provide to people that need Converters.

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If you can dream it, we can do it.

2. Recruiting/Retention- Pete Jurgens

Barbara Hoffman read the following report for Pete:

- New members:
Received 5 new RCRV applications in February
Total: 10 for 2009
- Members reporting hours
91 thus far for February
124 total for 2009 which is 57.7% of the 215 active RCRV members
- February hours
2,212 hours reported which is a 36% increase over January's reported hours.

3. Communications- Chuck Wehage

Chuck stated the first quarterly newsletter of 2009 has been mailed

The second quarterly newsletter will be sent in April.

4. DataBase- Jim Klein-

1. Mailed out 5 newsletters to new retirees whose names were received too late to be included in the mass mailing of the February 2009 newsletter.
2. The database was updated for:
 - Address changes received via the RCRV email
 - Address changes received via the RCRV phone mail
 - Deletions of names based on obituaries from Wilma Shadle
3. The address changes resulting from the returned February 2009 newsletter have not been processed yet. We are waiting to make sure we have all of them before we update the database.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Carol Luth invited the RCRV Advisory board to the Vision in Motion Center for the April board meeting. It was moved by John McDonough to hold the RCRV meeting at the VIM Center located at 3255 Williams Blvd. SW (located next door to the Social Security office on April 15 at 1:30 pm. Seconded by Chuck Wehage. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Green adjourned the meeting at 2:15p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held April 15 at 1:30 at the Vision in Motion Center

Submitted by Barbara Hoffman, Secretary

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Appendix 1: February Hours Report

Hours February

Administrative & Leadership

18	Board of Directors	RCRV
45.5	RCRV Projects meeting	
7	Other	IQC, LCTA
	Assistive Technology & Maintenance Support	
52	Grant Wood AEA	
23.5	Options of Linn County	
	Other	
	Construction & Design	
44	Construction	Solar energy for for Prairiewoods, Debbie Brooks kitchen, VIM
	Education	
10	4 Oaks Bridge	
56	Eastern Iowa Observatory	
2	Lego League	
17.5	Rockwell K-12 program	steering committee, Linn-Mar HS Robotics, Pierce, Wright, Wilson
80	Tutoring	Rock & Read, Garfield, wright, Hiawatha, Johnson, Linn-Mar HS
19	Other	Library helper, Grant Wood, Hiawatha Library, Invent Iowa judge
	Elderly Services	
6.75	Aging Services	
91	Heritage	converter boxes
16.2	Methwick	computer classes, gift shop
47.5	Other	VEC/VIM, TV conversion boxes, TRIAD
7.5	Companionship Outreach	
	RSVP Partner Agencies	
156	SHIIP	(additional +15)
56	SCORE	
10	Catherine McAuley	
	American Red Cross	
65	Tax Assistance- AARP & VITA	41 VITA 24 AARP
21	HACAP	
12	Cultural	Coggon Historical society, Carl & Mary Koehler History Center
12	Small Claims Court	
599.5	REACT	
3.5	WRAP	
87	St. Luke's Hospital	Advantage pprogram, special projects, print shop, wheelchairs, central service
22	Meals on Wheels	Hiawatha Meal delivery, Springville, Horizons

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29	Food Banks	Marion Food Pantry, Linn Community Food Bank
114	Jones County	Transportation, Meals on wheels, tutoring, clinics, church, food pantry, Companionship Outreach, Jones County Task Force,
201.5	Disaster Recovery	install trim,5 homes +CRC/Catholic charities,carpenter helper flood recovery, Science Stationpreparing food for recovery volunteer workers

Miscellaneous		
14,	Miscellaneous	preparing "The Volunteer" for mailing, mailing for Jr. Achievement, Juvenile Diabetes, embroidery logo shirt for RCRV members
60.5	Church	Inter Religious Council Treasurer, church council
48.5	Cultural	quartet, CR Symphony, Theatre Cedar Rapids, Czech Museum
90	Health related	American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Assoc., The Preemie Project, Driver for "Road to Recovery- American Cancer Society, Community Health Free Clinic, Mercy Auxiliary
229	Other non-profits	EMA, Civil Air Patrol, Crises Center Iowa City, Girls Scouts, Embroiderer's Guild,Aid to Women, Jr. Achievement, Science Station Col Mus
	Service Organizations	
Number of Projects	Agencies	Projects
1	Disaster Recovery	home counter tops
41	Heritage (36) Regency (5) St. Luke's Witwer Center	tv conversions
2	VIM	installing kitchen cabinets, caulk tray for a black board
1	Grant Wood AEA	2nd bumper car
4	Options of Linn County	shredder project,manual rivet dispenser, envelope stuffer, arm support
3	New Horizons	switches,
2	Other	garage door opener, exercise bike tv switch
16	Witwer Children's Therapy Center	astronaut boards
1	Science station	reptile project
91	members reporting	total for 2009- 124 unduplicated members reporting hours or 57.7%
2,212	Hours	
70	Projects	