

SD VOAD Meeting Notes

4/20/2017

Those Present:

Maynard Konechne – KOC

Luke Brown – CSS

Lisa Adler – LSS

Randy Hartmann – SD OEM

Heidi Bell Gease – 211

Ray Sorenson – ARC

George Rokusek – Feeding SD

On the phone:

Dennis Ries – MDS

Matthew Cedar – FEMA VAL

Tom Vorhees – LDS

Korey Schroeder – Team Rubicon

Phyllis Alexander – ACS

Meeting started at 11a with President Adler welcoming everyone to call. Attendance sheet was passed and attendance was taken for those who were joining us on the phone.

President Adler asked if those in attendance had reviewed the minutes which were sent out earlier. Maynard moved to approve the minutes. Tom made the second. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report provided by Darci was reviewed. Phyllis made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. A second was offered by Luke. Motion passed.

Adler talked about the NVOAD conference in Houston coming in May. Adler asked that a stipend be paid to her so she may attend the conference. Maynard made the motion. Dennis made the second. Motion passed.

Adler reviewed recent donations that SD VOAD had received. Delmont LTRC gave SD VOAD \$5000 for general use and \$5000 given for emotional and spiritual care. The Delmont LTRC wished to thank SD VOAD for the help they received during their disaster and wanted to pay it forward to help the next community that has a disaster.

Adler reviewed the SD VOAD brochure and asked for changes. Randy will update brochure and work on getting new brochures printed.

Review of disasters

Delmont – Delmont LTRC had final meeting and finished up all of their work. The LTRC is working with the local community foundation to make improvements to ballfield. The LTRC is also working with Korey and Team Rubicon. Team Rubicon is looking to work on the ballfield June 10th. The City of Delmont would like to have work done before July 4th. Team Rubicon is looking for 25-50 volunteers to help with work. They plan to start at 8a and work all day. Team Rubicon is looking for any heavy equipment that could help. Delmont LTRC will do an annual meeting to keep the LTRC active.

Pine Ridge (PR) – Have extreme needs and are trying to raise over \$1 million. Have 202 active disaster case management files. The LTRC has reached out to 2020 cases. They have completed 14 roofs to date. Adler reported that 1 in 10 homes are inhabitable. Next mission is to try and address the need of new homes. Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS) has agreed to take the lead and help address the need for new homes. They have committed to build 4 homes to begin with. Dennis with MDS reported that equipment is arriving next week. MDS is paying for their volunteer's housing and feeding. SA has agreed to send \$50000 toward the goal of \$200000 for the material cost for 4 homes. Midwest Consortium is giving \$15,000 for material costs and \$15,000 for work already done. Center for Disaster Philanthropy (CDP) is working on a grant to help pay for the Construction Manager (CM) who is local person. When MDS is finished with their work they will leave the housing units that they brought for themselves and dining hall for those in case management to use. Pine Ridge LTRC is asking partners to donate money to the PR effort by giving to the fiduciary Mazaska for those with unmet needs. Korey and Team Rubicon (TR) is looking into how teams can help those in PR. Korey reported that will try to get down there yet this month or in early May. The visit will be to evaluate the situation and see where TR they can help. PR LTRC is starting to reach out to National VOAD organizations. FEMA VAL Matthew Cedar is addressing the Mountain West VOAD conference next week and will present about the work in PR.

Ray reported that Dustin Calhoun is no longer with American Red Cross (ARC). Ray has taken his place in Rapid City. ARC is currently looking to fill Ray's vacancy in Sioux Falls. Ray will cover all of South Dakota until a replacement is found.

Luke with Catholic Social Services (CSS) informed the board that he is remaining with CSS but is moving into a counseling position. CSS is looking to replace his position.

Phyllis reported that Adventist Community Services (ACS) is having a brochure made up for ACS.

Randy reviewed the meeting schedule. The next quarterly meeting will be on July 20th in Sioux Falls at ARC. The following meeting will be on September 11th in Deadwood at South Dakota Emergency Manager's Conference which is September 11th-14th.

Maynard motioned to adjourn the meeting. Luke offered a second to the motion. The motion passed.