

SD VOAD Meeting Minutes

Date | Time: 09/16/2021

Facilitator: Richard Smith

Secretary: Kristyne Duffy

Call Info: Meeting ID: 892 6647 7349
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Type: Quarterly

Topic: Business Meeting

Attendees:

Member Agencies:

Adventist Community Services	Ann Hanel, Phyllis Alexander	American Red Cross	Richard Smith, Joe Reiter, Kris Ihrke, Tim Klein
Better Business Bureau	-	Catholic Social Services	Dominique Charlson
Child Care Aware	Holly Nett	Church World Services	-
Civil Air Patrol	Myra Christensen	Diamond Willow Ministries	-
Feeding South Dakota	-	Headwaters Relief Organization	-
Helpline Center	Susie Ryks	Interlakes Community Action Partnership	Cindy Dannenbring, Bob Blom
Knights of Columbus	Maynard Konechne	Latter Day Saints Charities	Tom Voorhees
Lutheran Social Services	Kristyne Duffy	Mennonite Disaster Services	Dennis Ries, Duane Tieszen
Nechama	-	Orphan Grain Train	-
Partnership with Native Americans	Karin Eagle, Joe Tyon	The Salvation Army	Jerry ONeil
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Joe Butkovich	Team Rubicon	-
United Methodist Committee on Relief	-	World Renew	-

Government and Private Partners:

Adler Disaster Consulting	Lisa Adler	FEMA	Matt Cedar, Brooks MacRoberts,
SDOEM	Randy Hartmann	Other	Jim Pearson – Roberts Co. EM

Other Attendees:

Christian Congregations of Jehovah's Witness	Great Plains Tribal Leader
SD Community Foundation	Save the Children
Vucurevich Foundation	

1. Business Meeting

a. Approval of minutes

Motion by Maynard K. to approve minutes, seconded by Dennis R.

- Motion passed

b. Treasurer's Report

Current balance is \$30,166.80 – see attached

- All members have paid dues
- Motion by Duane T. to approve reports, seconded by Kristyne D.
 - Motion passed

c. VOAD Update

- **Reapplied for UPS grant** but did not receive it.
- Luckily, **no major events** have occurred so far this year
- **Update on donated beds**
 - 186 bunk beds were donated to tribal communities (did not include mattress)
 - LSS received a grant to purchase mattress – able to get all 186
 - Will be ready for pick up in about a month
 - Great to get kids up off floors, off moldy beds, no longer needing to share
 - Able to supply the Pine Ridge Volunteer Center as well
 - Still working out logistics to get the bunk beds and mattresses distributed
 - Some are able to pick up from Brookings (current location)
 - Ideas to get the rest out:
 - Partner with Food Pantry as they do deliveries?
 - Coordinate with PWNA?
 - Jim Pearson (Roberts Co. EM) has offered to meet someone from Pine Ridge halfway
 - Maretta C. is still working on transportation
- **Volunteer Center update**
 - nearly done, currently doing interior work
- **Afghan Evacuees (Humanitarian Parole)**
 - Many other state VOADs are working to assist with Afghan Evacuees
 - SD is not slated to take any evacuees at this time
 - Major issue is immigration status and assistance available
 - Refugee status provides funding to help with placement, English and Job skills training, short-term housing, and medical. Also allowed to work.
 - Parolee/Evacuee status is not eligible for any of that making it incredibly difficult to assist.
 - [Additional information](#) on evacuee process
 - Kristyne D. is willing to share/clarify information about the process–
Kristyne.Duffy@LssSD.org
 - Red Cross has deployed to military bases that are housing evacuees.
 - Large number of needs but no asks yet
 - Wisconsin VOAD has asked for help and St. Vincent is responding @ Fort

- McCoy. – small base not a lot of space for donations
 - Current need is warm coats and clothing.
 - Wisconsin Adventist Community Services assisting there, has warehouse and working on collections
- **COVID Update**
 - SD is seeing another spike in cases due to Delta variant
 - No requests or needs so far
 - Wounded Knee has immediate needs for food deliveries as school has gone virtual.
 - Looking for canned food to take directly to kids
 - Have man power but need to get food
 - 127 kids
 - Contact: Karin Eagle, keagle@nativepartnership.org, 605-399-9905 ext 409
- **Sinkhole Update**
 - law suit is still pending – nothing new at this time
- **Rapid City COAD Update**
 - had a first/informational meeting; currently paused
 - VOAD will support how we can
- **Midwest VOAD update**
 - National VOAD now has a grant available to Midwest state VOADs to help with development. Will be releasing information soon
 - Met with counterparts in MN and IA to discuss strengthening relationships and LTRGs along our shared borders. Great meeting, lots of information, looking forward to continued talks.

2. New Business

a. New Member Welcome

- Welcome Interlakes Community Action Partnership (ICAP)
 - Serves 14 county area in Eastern SD
 - focused on the empowerment of low-income and elderly persons to help move from poverty toward self-sufficiency
 - Recently absorbed the Lake Area Recovery Network (LTRG) into their programing
- Cindy Dannenbring – Chief Executive Officer
- Bob Blom – LARN member

b. Elections

- Elections will be at next quarterly meeting on January 20, 2022
- Accepting nominations for Treasurer, President and Secretary
- Please nominations send to Richard or Kristyne
- Dominique nominated herself for Treasurer

c. Committee Formation

- Committee descriptions here: <https://www.southdakotavoad.org/committees/>
- Don't need a formal structure, just a loose interest
- Benefit is that committees can report out on activities and challenges during disasters, rather than each individual agency. Easier to get a picture of disaster.

- Joe B. (SVDP) willing to advise on LTRG committee
- Karin E. (PWNA) interested in ESC and Tribal Relations

d. Website Update

- Not many changes
- Will send out log in information. Please log in!
- If don't receive log in, contact Kristyne D. Kristyne.Duffy@LssSD.org
- Still need logos from
 - Red Cross
 - Church World Service
 - Diamond Willow Ministries
 - Headwaters Relief Organization
 - Nechama
 - Orphan Grain Train
 - Partnerships with Native Americans
 - The Salvation Army
 - Team Rubicon
 - UMCOR
 - World Renew
 - Better Business Bureau Inc.
 - Adler Disaster Consulting

3. Member Updates

- **Adventist Community Services (ACS)**
 - seeing steady pickups
 - once a month serving at Cornerstone Rescue Mission
- **American Red Cross (ARC)**
 - responding to hurricanes across country
 - Looking for new volunteers
- **Catholic Social Services (CCS)**
 - CSS is a Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training provider
 - Working in Hot Springs area, then Lemmon
- **Civil Air Patrol (CAP)**
 - still doing training for aerial pictures
- **Interlakes Community Action Partnership (ICAP)**
 - Defining what disaster programming will look like
- **Knights of Columbus (KoC)**
 - Councils are doing food drives and coats for kids
- **Latter Day Saints Charities (LDS)**
 - no updates
- **Lutheran Social Services (LSS)**
 - Finishing out grant work in White Swan Community – did foundation work, appliance replacement, mold remediation &
 - Received more funding to host Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) trainings – if interested, contact Kristyne D. – Kristyne.Duffy@LssSD.org
- **Mennonite Disaster Services**
 - no update
- **Partnerships with Native Americans**
 - Food request for Wounded Knee
 - Onboarding some more communities
 - Offering CERT training to partners (MHFA, CPR, food sovereignty)
 - Wounded Knee is looking for a log splitter to help with fire wood.

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- Currently using a shared one with Pine Ridge
 - Lisa A. - could work with donors to raise funding, what's the price?
 - Maybe contact Team Rubicon or Southern Baptists to see if they have used ones they'd be willing to sell/donate.
 - **St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP)**
 - no other updates
 - **Adler Disaster Consulting (ADC)**
 - Still working in Pine Ridge – assisting with 300 roofs
 - Good progress on the Volunteer Center
 - Conversations with Burke LTRG about pros and cons of becoming a nonprofit
 - **FEMA**
 - Many getting ready for hurricane and deployments
 - FEMA's role with Afghan evacuees is focused on vaccinations
 - Colorado has 3 partners working and can put together and email about volunteering, donations and support for evacuees.
 - **SD OEM**
 - Still working on Public Assistance grants from the 2019 disasters
 - COVID tests will be available through the school districts for free
 - Disaster preparedness trainings are available – contact Randy H. Randy.Hartmann@state.sd.us

4. Action Items

- **Send organization's logo**
- **log in to <https://www.southdakotavoad.org/login/>**

5. Upcoming Meetings

a. Quarterly Meeting:

- January 20, 2022 @ 11 am CST
- State Emergency Operations Center - 1302 US Hwy-14, Pierre, SD 57501
- Tour of new State EOC will be provided following the regular meeting. Please RSVP to Kristyne

Meeting Adjourned at 12:22 PM CT/ 11:22 AM MT.