

Minutes: Executive Board ~ Thursday, December 6, 2007

In attendance: Tom Bachman, Pat Cormican, Ira Maser, Gerry Porter, Bill Stanley, Kathleen Darling, Cynthia Carley and Dave Stuart

Missing: Mack Braden

Meeting called to order by Tom Bachman at 9:35 am

Dave Stuart and Ira Maser gave a review an update of operations since reopening the office following the 2007 Wildfire evacuation (October 22nd – October 31st):

- Web site: www.rimresourcenetwork.org. was established on Thursday October 25th
 - Site is being maintained and updated daily by volunteer Jerry Savage (Mountain Sunrise Rotary member)
- San Bernardino County Supervisor Dennis Hansberger, 3rd District, has designated Rebuilding Mountain Hearts & Lives as the “lead organization” to coordinate the 2007 Grass Valley and The Slide Fire Recovery efforts.
 - He helped secure funding for RMHL from Community Foundation (\$20,000) to help with initial assistance.
 - He also assisted in bringing recognition, support and coordination from United Way, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, FEMA, SBA, Governors Office of Emergency Services, Governors Office of California Volunteers and the various County agencies.
 - Special representatives were assigned from FEMA, SBA and OES.
 - Meeting hosted by Arrowhead United Way on Friday, November 9^h. It was confirmed that RMHL would serve as coordinating entity for the Rim Mountain Recovery efforts. Those in attendance included Catholic Charities, Arrowhead United Way, Salvation Army, American Red Cross (National representative and Inland Empire CEO Toni Callicut), Rim Family Services, FEMA and California OES
- Meetings:
 - November 1st**: Town hall Meeting – Lake Arrowhead Resort & Spa - Very well attended (650+)
 - December 1st**: Town hall/Insurance Forum held Lake Arrowhead Presbyterian Church and Calvary Chapel Christian Center, Running Springs. Insurance portion lead by George Kehrer. Representatives were present from FEMA, SBA and various SBC agencies (Land Use Services, Debris Removal, and Code Enforcement).
 - December 5th** Insurance Commissioner Steve Pozner meeting Green Valley Lake, Calvary Chapel Christian Center

- Running Springs office was opened on Wednesday November 7th with “official” Grand Opening being held on Wednesday November 14th. Approximately 75 people, including press were on hand for the opening.
 - A volunteer bi-lingual case worker, Galo Galvez, Jr. has been working approximately 25 hours per week at the Running Springs office.
- Extra workload is being handled through an outpouring of volunteers. The volunteer effort is being coordinated by Karyn Westervelt (Mountain Sunrise Rotary member)
 - Each office has a volunteer receptionist – these volunteers filter and assist with approximately 60-75 call per day regarding referral assistance.
- Each office is seeing from 5 to 8 new families per day. It is estimated that we are seeing approximately 70 new client families per week. This reflects approx 240 individuals per week. On a monthly basis this works out to a over 1,000 individuals
- Discussed the difficulty for case management and operating costs due to lack of funding.
 - Grant submitted in early November to McCormick Tribune Foundation, Chicago, Ill requesting \$225,000 for Operating Expenses.
 - Reviewed possible funding sources.
- Reviewed dollar amount of donations received and grants that have been issued and those that are in the process of being written.

Kathleen Darling, Director, - Lutheran Social Services, Big Bear, advised that LSS had \$2,400 that RMHL could possible use for a case worker. Will follow-up with Bobbi Klempin in Big Bear office.

Cynthia Carley offered up to 20 volunteers to input CAN (Coordinated Assistance Network) data.

Tom Bachman discussed possible future damage resulting from debris/mud slides caused by future rains and overall problem or erosion control we are facing. Discussed what the County and State agencies are doing to prepare for this possibility.

Next meeting for **Rim Resources Network** will be held Wednesday December 12th at 2:00 pm – Fire Station #91 Lake Arrowhead. Representatives from Federal, State and County agencies as well as ARC, Salvation Army and Arrowhead United Way will be attending.

First 5 statistics were reviewed and a summary handed out. Since returning from the fire evacuation the case load has more than doubled over projected figures. In Blue Jay office alone 32 new cases have been opened.

Financial Report:

Balance Sheet as of November 30, 2007 and Profit & Loss statement for July '07-November '07 was distributed. Ira Maser will review with Stacey McKay the possibility of re-arranging certain account information.

New Business:

Two new members, Cynthia Carley, Rim O' The World Association of Realtors, and Kathleen Darling, Lutheran Social Services, were nominated to the board. Gerry Porter so moved with 2nd from Pat Cormican. The vote was unanimous to accept the nominations.

In accordance with corporate compliance elections were to have been conducted for designation of new officers to be effective July 1, 2007. Following a brief discussion it was unanimously approved that Ira Maser would serve as the new Chair and Tom Bachman would serve as Treasurer/Secretary.

Meeting adjourned: 12:10 pm

Minutes prepared by David Stuart