

***Minutes – Executive Board Meeting ---
Hearts And Lives***

September 3, 2008 3:00 P.M.

Coldwell Banker Sky Ridge Realty Conference Room

In Attendance: Ira Maser, Tom Bachman, Gerry Porter, Cynthia Carley, Mack Braden,
Pat Cormican, Bill Stanley, Dave Stuart, Bev Rios

Meeting was called to order by Ira Maser at 3:05 P.M.

Approval of July 9, 2008 Minutes: Motion to approve by Mack Braden; Second Gerry Porter; MSP

Ira Maser opened the meeting with a discussion on Disaster Preparedness Month and the fact that our Fire people have formed coalitions for disaster response across the country. He sighted specifically that we had a local crew headed by Captain Corley in Mississippi working on the hurricane response.

In effect, there is no more “Big Brother” – when FEMA has a maximum assistance amount of **\$28,600**, it is up to individuals and communities to be prepared and to deal independently with the recovery issues. In that spirit, he outlined the need for a community based response plan, and all that is currently being done to prepare one.

Ira is working closely with Gerry, Rotary International, Dave and many community and national leaders to establish a plan that will place the responsibility of Preparedness and Evacuation, Response and Recovery in local communities with assistance from reciprocal communities when disaster strikes.

Resources will be evaluated and identified as this plan rolls out. Once it is established and perfected, it will also be rolled out in other communities. This is a developing program which will involve all of us to be successful.

Financial Reports:

Tom Bachman and Ira Maser presented a review of our current financials. It was also noted that the First Five Money for Mountain Communities Hospital was not approved to cover expenses resulting from additional patients they handled.

The financials were approved as follows: Motion made by Gerry Porter; Seconded by Cynthia Carley MSP

Executive Director's Report: See attached copy of the September 3rd report for detailed information.

Dave presented a review of the public outreach efforts on the mountain including ads in the Alpenhorn, the Shopper and the Mountain News.

Several upcoming items were discussed. CPA's from Christian World Relief were arriving on September 4th to do a pro bono review of our financials in order to be certain we comply with all appropriate requirements.

Non-Profits are the fastest growing segment of our economy right now, and we can expect additional regulations and requirements as that sector grows.

The Policy and Procedure Manual is in updated draft form and is pending the inclusion of guidelines for computer use and drug testing. The need for sexual harassment training was also discussed.

It was also noted that while our financials are expertly guided by Ira Maser and Tom Bachman, we now need to commit a financial policy to writing.

Old business continues to include a review and update of our Mission Statement and Bylaws which is in progress but being modified by the results of our Sustainability Plan and the new focus we are taking.

Bev Rios' Update:

Bev gave us an update on our Sustainability Plan as detailed in our August, 2008 Seminar notes. She indicated that our grant research is well underway with possible fund shift's from Children's Fund and potential dollars from Stater Brothers for families (to offset what we anticipate may happen to our First Five funding as a result of legislation).

General:

We had a general discussion concerning our "Rebuilding Mountain Hearts and Lives" name. Bill Stanley made a motion to change it to "Hearts and Lives" as it is all encompassing and it is the name most people use anyway.. The motion was seconded by Gerry Porter. MSP.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.