

Communication, Cooperation, Coordination, Collaboration
Summer Quarter General Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 10:00 am
Ohio Emergency Management Agency in Columbus, Ohio

Greetings- Erin Cordle Chair via conference call.

Secretary - Sister Michael Marie – General Membership Minutes of May 2018. Minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report and other comment- Lora Davenport provided report - \$2085.36 in savings; \$6110.36 total equity. \$1300 bill is coming in October. Report will be filed for audit.

Finance Committee - Lora Davenport conveyed information in statement from Roy and Brenda, outlining shared duties of Treasurer and assistant Treasurer. Motion to accept shared responsibilities was unanimously approved. Erin proposed to make Assistant Treasurer a permanent position.

Board of Directors Reports

- Vice Chair: Jim Dinkel – Will check to see if bylaws need to be changed to accommodate Assistant Treasurer position.
- Communications: James Howard - absent
- Education: Jeff Walker – VOAD Conference update
 - Date and Location: November 2, Crossroads Center in Lancaster Ohio.
 - Jeff needs input for directory of services of membership describing member capacities. Please email Jeff with paragraph about your organization by September 1, in 50 words or less. Please include contact information. Erin will work on a draft for member organizations.
 - Lora will help with displays (only one signed up so far). State Fire Marshall is scheduled as keynote speaker, and a few other speakers are also committed. It was agreed to ask member organization Operation BBQ Relief to provide lunch. Members were invited to join the conference planning calls. Next call is September 4. Tabletop exercise is planned to incorporate into the conference. Conference is open to the public and information will be posted on the website soon.
 - Jeff has a company that will embroider shirts and ball caps with Ohio VOAD logos. Will check on price, and possibly can be a fundraiser for Ohio VOAD.
 - Reference book of contacts for member organizations and contact people in State EOC is outdated. Request made for contacts to be a PDF sent to membership. This information is also on the website on a password protected page.
- LTRC: John Pryon reviewed report emailed to membership last week.
 - Hocking County flood in June: Damage= 41 total impacted (3 destroyed). Brigitte Bouska was at July 31 meeting of LTRC. The plan to sign an MOU with Ohio VOAD, and plan to open bank account for unmet needs. Needed: Building supplies, cleanup, furniture, etc. Mary

Bates is working on meeting those needs. Case Manager has been found from UMC. Next LTRC meeting is Sept. 18.

- Mahoning County experienced flash flooding on August 10 just south of Youngstown. Debris removal was an issue, as the municipality does not provide this service. Damage assessment (official from the State): 416 homes – 4 destroyed, 1 major, rest minor/affected - only 17% had appropriate insurance. Most damage was from water in basements - water heaters, heating systems, etc.. Red Cross provided assistance to 40 households, ending today. Mahoning County is working on forming a LTRC, with John Pyron as Ohio VOAD contact / liaison.
- John Pyron expressed concern and initiated discussion regarding best practices and procedure for handling disaster survivor's personal information. There was a request for clarification on procedure for activation, responsibilities, information sharing, etc. Concerns focused around communication and coordination and lack of information provided to Ohio VOAD on individual organization responses. Brigitte Bouska, as State VAL, also requested that the State be included in information on Ohio VOAD membership activity. She stated that the State is strongly encouraging the County Directors to get a LTRC established at the beginning of the disaster event. Erin proposed that a Task Force be for establishing standard operating. The following people volunteered: Jeff Walker, Brigitte Bouska, John Pyron and Jim Dinkel.
- Mitigation: shut-off valves in basements saved hundreds of homes. Brigitte said the valves cost \$100 plus installation. Jim Dinkel said he will prepare a fact sheet on flooding mitigation to possibly add to the Ohio VOAD resource booklet. Bill lives about 20 miles from the affected area and is taking active part in forming the LTRC.
- Membership: Terry Carter via conference call – 43 official members currently
 - Welcome to the Ohio chapter of AARL as our newest official member. The Christian Appalachian Project (a tri-state organization serving WV, OH, KY) has applied for Ohio VOAD membership. Hocking County LTRC has a contractual membership application pending. Membership voted unanimously to accept both applications.
- EMA: Brigitte Bouska – Hocking County has a good start with LTRC and Mahoning County is underway with the same.
- FEMA: Sara Echols and Regina Morgan - absent

Disaster Response Activity

- Jim Dinkel – Ohio Valley LTRC closed their books on July 31, 2018. Best practices were discussed internally and Jim will share at a later date.
- Jeff Walker – West Ohio Conference – one home in Gallopolis was damaged by local flooding, and homeowners raised money on their own for repairs. Ottawa County had basement flooding earlier this year.
- Bill Southern – Columbiana County VOAD working with MDS in one home – working on unmet needs list.

Other Items of Note

- Westfield Insurance Foundation – provides grant funding to do a disaster exercise. Erin proposed that Ohio VOAD apply for grant at their June 2019 application opportunity. An Ohio VOAD committee would be asked to write the grant proposal. Jim Dinkel suggested

members find willing staff to write the proposal. Emily Aloto (ARC) stated she has experience writing proposals and could help with a submission for the June deadline. Motion to do so was unanimously approved by membership.

- Jim Dinkel – note on Facebook fundraising - it may be taxed in the future, or possibly, funding may be subtracted from future FEMA grants. Please share information with Ohio VOAD if any member sees more information on this topic.
- Sam Kelly: Public Health Emergency Planning - Southern Baptists have been researching with Public Health Departments in Columbus, Cincinnati and Cleveland. Anthrax attacks are a concern, and they are working to coordinate Points Of Distribution (POD). Several other member organizations are currently working with local Health Departments and Medical Reserve Corps on POD exercises.
- Erin Cordle mentioned Cyber Attacks are another type of threat for Ohio VOAD member organizations to prepare for in the future.

Next General Membership Meeting will be at the Ohio VOAD Fall Conference on November 2, 2018.
Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by Sister Michael Marie, Secretary