

OKVOAD MEETING
MINUTES
July 10, 2008
Oklahoma City, OK

1. Meeting Called to Order – Steve Moran at 10:42am
 - a. Opening Prayer – Lura Cayton, CWS
 - b. Minutes from last meeting
 - i. Posted on OKVOAD.org following the meetings
 - ii. Richard Norman made a motion to accept the minutes. Gwen Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed with no opposition.
 - c. Treasurer Report – see attached
 - i. There are \$1073.00 in contributions from PayPal.
 - ii. Lura Cayton moved to accept Treasurer’s report. Janelle Mulanax seconded the motion. Motion passes with no opposition.
2. Money Issues –
 - a. How to thank Blake Shelton and his fan club?
 - i. Paypal money is from Blake Shelton’s birthday contributions on his website. The charity of their choice this year was OKVOAD. Over \$10,000 came in from this endeavor.
 - ii. Posting a banner (public thank you) for his website and the OKVOAD website would be a great way to say thanks.
 - iii. Tzu Chi foundation has cool blankets (recycled plastic bottles) maybe they could put each organization’s patch on the blanket. Put this as part of a disaster kit.
 - iv. JoAnn Kirkland, Conference of Churches, states Cookson Hills Ministries can possibly embroider the blanket.
 - v. Send jpg with organization logos to Linda Soos-Davis so that we can get this going.
 - b. Are there any others who haven’t received scholarship reimbursement for AVC?
 - i. NO
 - c. On our financial policies and procedures, we are lax on having two signatures on each check. Do we want to keep the policy as written?
 - i. Section C in bylaws
 - ii. All our checks are now reimbursement checks – meaning we now have a receipt for every check
 - iii. Need to address this with the Finance Committee
 - iv. Lura Cayton – ACORN and Points of Light have both been victims of fraud and embezzlement. The more we can do to protect us from that, the better. Two signatures won’t guarantee this, but we need some protections. Do we need an audit? Maybe the Center for Nonprofits can suggest some options for transparency and more safety.
3. Unmet needs committee – AmBer Reed, ODEM

- a. Kingfisher – done
 - b. Lenapah – going strong. However, there are little to no resources to help these folks. No case managers are available either. Five or six clients are left who need help.
 - i. Only one case manager.
 - ii. Lura Cayton never got their contact information in order to send them information on accessing further funding. Richard Norman also needs their contact information. AmBer Reed will send contact information to both Lura and Richard.
 - c. Miami
 - i. Still dealing with a few flooding folks
 - ii. Doing community education
 - iii. Janelle – updates on City of Picher, LTRC in Miami is absorbing the Craig County folks as well, utilities are issue in Picher, folks coming in from “bought out” sites, funding is needed for case management as Twyla’s funding runs out in October. Suggested sources are Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and maybe AmeriCorps Vista.
 - iv. The STATE is going to have to do debris removal – this is the bottom line because of costs and city not having funding.
 - v. Lura Cayton – Can FEMA money be given for repair/rebuild? Yes, but folks should have no expectation of water/sewer/power being available.
 - vi. Bill Mast – still willing to help with rebuild under correct guidelines, also willing to entertain bringing homes up to livable standards if needed
 - vii. Lura – several folks that are 90+ years old are in the Picher area and affected by the tornado. It is questionable if they understand buyout process. They can’t see the process of buying new home – Kay Carter would be good person to help walk those folks through the process, Rebecca Jim is involved
 - viii. Language problem with older folks?? Tribal (Quapaw) members are on committee and able to help.
 - ix. Quapaw Nation has taken back the fire department in order to keep it operational.
4. Report from committee on “How do committees get OKVOAD funds”?
 - a. Have a structure
 - b. Members are the Executive Committee plus Alton and Charlotte
 - c. Tabled for next meeting
 5. Host Evacuation Plan – Suzie Carter/ IEM Workshop – Brooke Brager
 - a. Brooke Brager, IEM, developing workshop Aug 6-8
 - b. Planning for evacuee support: donations and volunteer management, and evacuee processing/reception
 - c. AidMatrix breakout session is planned
 - d. Invitations will be sent out shortly
 - e. Workshop will be held in the OKC area, venue to be announced.

- f. Texas folks are invited to this meeting.
- g. Reception areas – airports if flown, stateline (?) if buses
 - i. Evaluate health, safety
 - ii. Registration/tracking
- 6. OEM – Help with badges and background checks
 - a. OEM doesn't do background checks any longer, but Linda can make badges for our VOAD agencies after the agencies have done background checks on the individuals.
 - b. Catholic Charities and United Way's badges are done
 - c. There is a form that needs to be completed; it will be on the website
- 7. Case Management model – what's the latest
 - a. Changes with Katrina laws – State is lead on ESF 6 for the state – now going to provide case management
 - b. FEMA gave this CM funding to HHS on a federal level – HHS works with economically disadvantaged folks, refugees, etc. They are using the refugee model. Starting case management within 72 hours of disaster.
 - c. 10 pilot sites, not yet chosen
- 8. 501(c)(3) for OKVOAD – AmBer Reed
 - a. On recommendation of Financial Committee, application sent to OK Sec of State, EIN has been obtained, now getting financial records in place for past three years. Need to proceed with the process ASAP as NVOAD no longer will cover OKVOAD donations under their umbrella.
 - b. Motion made by Janelle Mulanax for AmBer to proceed with application process on behalf of OKVOAD. Seconded by Steve Moran. Motion passed without opposition. AmBer will talk to Executive Committee for further information that may be needed.
- 9. Other Business
 - a. Lura Cayton– OSU Extension, is there a relationship? In MO and IN, they are a vital part of VOAD. They have used Purdue University Extension Program in IN to help train LTRCs. They provided virtual training options and can help reach out to the rural communities.
 - b. Is there a connection to Oklahoma MRC that someone has that could encourage them to participate in OKVOAD meetings? Janelle Mulanax offered to speak to Kendal Darby, MRC Administrator.
 - c. Janelle – November retreat? Do we want to have it and when/where?
 - i. Yes, Heart of Hills would be great
 - ii. Proposed dates Nov 13-14, 2008, or Nov 20-21, 2008

Meeting adjourned to awaiting lunch.