

**RSVP ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES
DECEMBER 6, 2018**

- Call meeting to order, Chair, John Blackmore
- Approval of minutes: Motion to approve Randy Kolb. Second Jim Hughes. Motion passed.
- Adjustments to the agenda
- Ice Breaker – Winter childhood memory

PROGRAM: Tri-Cap Transportation – Executive Director, Lori Schultz, shared about Tri-Caps programs the offered. Tri-Cap is “Helping people. Changing lives.” Tri-Cap is all about helping people meet their basic needs with programs such as the energy assistance program, the weatherization program, rehab loan program, displaced homemaker program, tax assistance program, financial literacy program and the transportation program. Tri-Cap utilized many RSVP volunteers for their volunteer drive program (22/45 volunteers in the program are RSVP members) and the tax assistance program. ***If you would like any more information about Tri-Cap please contact Lori Schultz by email at lori.schultz@tricap.org or by phone at 320-257-4478. You can also visit Tri-Cap’s website at www.tricap.org .***

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Published articles – Lisa passed around the Whitney Time with an RSVP article.
- RSVP was featured on WJON and UTVS this last month.
- Funding Update – Lisa
 - Expo for Seniors - \$1,500 donation for all the work Jennifer does to assist with organizing volunteers for the event.
 - First United Methodist Church - \$50 per diem for a speaking engagement Jacquie did
 - City of Waite Park - \$5,500 – second half of 2018 support
 - Move the Mall update – Jacquie shared the planning committee continues to be working very hard, The walk will be held on **March 30th, 2019 at Crossroads Center in St. Cloud.** Individual and team walker registration forms are posted on the RSVP website. Sponsorships continue to come in-deadline for sponsors to be on marketing materials is January 11th. Committee is also working on marketing the event and recruiting vendors for the event. Flyers, walker registration forms and ‘save the date’ flyers are available-please let Jacquie know if there is somewhere you are willing to share these materials.
- Research Project Update – Charlotte and Randy gave an overview and update of their project. They have a model of how they want to proceed and they plan to look at and analyze ten years of data.
- United Way Site Visits RSVP staff participated in an Early Learning/Early Literacy and Quality Out of School Time United Way site visits. The Access to Food site visit is coming up on December 14th, the same day the grant application is due.
- Advisory Council membership – Lisa
 - Perry Beise – renewed
 - Barb Rebischke – renewed
 - New members:
 - Jeff Proell – Sauk Rapids RSVP volunteer
 - Therese Haffner – City of St. Joseph
 - Sue Hanks – Catholic Charities Emergency Services
 - Carolyn Garven – St. Cloud/Benton County RSVP volunteer

- Laurie Allen – Sartell RSVP volunteer
- Kris Peterson – St. Joseph RSVP volunteer
- Carol Brunn – Sherburne County RSVP volunteer/Becker Area Senior Center
- Amy Christensen – Tri-Cap Transportation
- Election of 2019 officers:
 - Chair – Jim Hughes
 - Vice Chair – Christa Mitchell
 - Secretary – Sharon Kolstad
- ** Motion to approve new officers: Spencer Buerkle.
Seconded by: Randy Kolb.
Motion passed.
- Recognition of outgoing Advisory Council members (John Blackmore and Alicia Mages)
- Laura’s Report – no report
- Kudos – Staff – Jacquie shared a kudos for the Readers’ Theater volunteers from a local elementary school teacher. Charlotte shared a kudos from an agency supervisor at one of RSVP’s community partners for a volunteer. Lisa shared a kudos for Jacquie from the City of St Cloud Human Resources department regarding her work on a project for the Wellness Committee.
- Staff Reports – All

Lisa J. Braun, RSVP Director

*Nominate new RSVP Advisory Council members (8 new members)

*Nominate new slate of officers

- Chair - Jim Hughes
- Vice Chair – Christa Mitchell
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*United Way site visits – 11-28 (Early Learning/Early Literacy, 11-29 – Quality Out of School Time)

*Partner Agreement Updates:

Great River Chorale – 11-14-2018

Meeting with new United Way CEO Larry Olness

Meeting with Randy Kolb about CNCS research project

Life Span taping – Mid Minnesota Legal Aid

Meeting with Jackie Johnson – Big Brothers/Big Sister – United Way grant application

KNSI Radio Interview

WJON Radio Interview

Volunteer Visit – Tom and Bonnie Stachowski

UTVS Interview with Tom Stachowski

Intergovernmental

Move the Mall Walk for Volunteerism committee

Aging Services Department meeting

City of Sauk Rapids presentation

Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast

Sartell TRIAD

Foster Grandparent Advisory Council

Attended 6 meetings

Charlotte Strei – Program Coordinator

- Sherburne County Greeter Program is operating even better than hoped. Invited to the first bi-annual Greeter lunch. Opportunity for the greeters to compare experience and express any concerns. Currently Wednesdays are open. New volunteer(s) starting this month.

- In Oct/Nov RSVP covered one of the six daily Meals on Wheels routes out of Catholic Charities Senior Dining Elk River. During those months, for that one route, 11 RSVP volunteers delivered meals on 43 days for about an hour each day. I intentionally took one of the days to deliver on a route which I'd been told was unwieldy. It went well. Not sure I could have done it without my GPS. So far this year through October, 74 RSVP volunteers served 2,059 hours for 8 programs doing just the same.
- Unique placement last week: Two long-time volunteers will serve as witnesses for the marriage of a veteran and his fiancé. Request came through the County Veterans Service Office.

Summary of October 2018 Activity:

Enrollments -2

Ongoing placements - 7

One time/short-term events - 5 events/20 RSVP positions

Promo Activities (Newsletter submissions/displays/flyer distribution) for RSVP or

Volunteer Bridge - 8

Community meetings attended - 6

Jacquie Willis- RSVP Special Projects Coordinator

> PR Efforts

- 1 article published
- 12 posts on social media
- 2 City of St Cloud website News Flashes
- 6 new "Call to Action" button referrals (4 sent to United Way as individual was not age eligible for RSVP)
- Assisted with NEW Aging Services webpage (landing page for RSVP and WSC)
- Updated 2 volunteer needs on United Way volunteer recruitment website

> Financial Activities

- Reconciled October managers reports and performed federal drawdown
- Worked on budget for United Way Grant Application

> Miscellaneous

- Move the Mall Walk for Volunteerism
 - Solicited Sponsorships and Vendors for the event
 - Held 2 sub-committee meetings
 - Ordered and received Save the Date flyers (solicited donation of these)
 - Presented to St. Cloud Morning Optimist Club with Volunteer, Randy Kolb
 - Met with Crossroads staff to discuss details/arrangements
- Readers' Theater
 - In November, volunteers read at 6 schools for 15 performances
 - Over 450 students were read to
 - Attended one reading performance at Madison Elementary

> Personnel Issues

- Met with United Way new President and CEO, Larry Olness
- Speaking engagement at United Methodist Church
- Attended CentraCare's Annual Report to the Community
- United Way Early Learning Early Literacy Grant Application Site Visit
- United Way Quality Out of School Time Grant Application Site Visit

> Intergovernmental

- City of St Cloud Wellness Committee Meeting
- City of St Cloud IT Users Group (ITUG) Meeting

> Other:

- Attended 7 community meetings

Jennifer Wucherer, RSVP Coordinator

Major Topics/Issues/Activities

COMMUNITY/AGENCY PARTNERS

Community Partner Orientation (United Way New President)
United Site Visit Presentation with Lisa and RSVP volunteer, Peter V
Cribbage event with volunteers and SRRH students at WSC

MISC:

Volunteer Recognition: Birthday calls 72
In person volunteer engagements – Ray, Barb, Shirley, Joyce
Conducted Interview with Jamie Lodermeier, prospective intern
Accepted donation from Expo For Seniors Committee Chair
Aging Services Team Meeting
5 Total Volunteer Enrollments
7 Total On-Going Volunteer Placements
9 One-time Events and 76 Volunteer Positions Filled
3 Meetings attended

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Meeting – **February 7, 2019**
-Happy Thanksgiving! We are thankful for your service!

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Randy Kolb to adjourn, seconded by Rosie Lommel.
Meeting adjourned.