

COAD Steering Committee
October 11, 2016

Chairman Frank Bruno opened the meeting by asking Frank Lewendowski to say a prayer.

After the prayer, Chairman Bruno thanked all members for their help in the hurricane response, including Pat White, for her help at the EOC; Ray Parkhurst, for Red Cross involvement; Salvation Army, United Way, with handling calls, and Embry Riddle and Bethune Cookman colleges for their assistance.

It was pointed out that our biggest need now appears to be for tarps – especially for mobile homes. Pat White reported that six pallets of tarps are now in place, ordered by the County Emergency Management Department.

Chairman Bruno reported that a Volusia County Recovery Center is opening tomorrow at the Health Department in Daytona Beach, which will include representatives from Red Cross and Salvation Army. They will distribute tarps there and at the Health Department on Rich Avenue in DeLand.

The EOC does not believe we should open a Volunteer Reception Center at this time.

Ms. White and United Way's 211 have received lots of calls. COAD sorted them yesterday. We're trying to talk people into buying tarps

Frank Lewendowski reported that 1300 people have come in to volunteer for Crisis Clean Up. The Church of Latter Day Saints did work on Sunday. President Larsen will be able to report hours.

Chairman Bruno pointed out that we will need to work with the Recovery Center, as well as the Health Departments in DeLand and Daytona Beach. He said that we also need to contact national organizations, to learn what they did during the recovery. It was mentioned that lack of liability insurance is still a big hindrance in our efforts to help.

Chairman Bruno mentioned that he was not aware of what Volunteer Florida Jovita does. No one knew the answer.

Frank Lewendowski pointed out that Florida Crisis Clean Up groups (locally set up by LDS President Larsen) sets up teams of twenty people. Frank and his group did all of Kathryn Street, in Port Orange, and his wife Linda's crew did Brookwood Drive in Ormond Beach. The Team Leader for each group keeps track of the hours they donate.

Chairman Bruno reported that the only outside volunteers we've attracted so far are from Embry Riddle.

Loretta Wilary said she is going to visit Brevard County, to see how their United Way handles emergency operations. She said that their county gives \$10,000 for this purpose.

Chairman Bruno announced that the Ocean Center is the only shelter staying open. Utility workers are staying there. Red Cross assessment crews are coming in from Orlando, but there are no rooms for them. 10,000 meals are en route – we should refer them to Meals on Wheels; they have some funding.

Bruno asked for a volunteer to fill an immediate need for a phone bank. The Citizens Information Center is doing a good job, but needs someone to whom to refer calls for help. Deanie Lowe volunteered.

Pat White reported that Tracy Reihm has a group ready to work.

David Troxler pointed out that mobile homes older than a certain date cannot be repaired, so that is going to cause a big problem.

It was announced that the Ocean Center is taking in the homeless. Fifty people from the Three Oaks Apartment Building are being housed there.

Ray Parkhurst reported that Red Cross is giving vouchers for thrift shop furniture, to help people who need replacements for damaged furniture.

Pat White reported that Embry Riddle called to say they will be holding a meeting at 5:45 p.m. They need protective equipment. She also reported that the Citizens Information Center requested a volunteer to distribute water at a mobile home on Mason Avenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Deane Lowe, Acting Secretary