The meeting was brought to order at 10:04 by Frank Bruno, Chairman.

Members in attendance:
Brandon, Andrea  Brandon, Gerald  Bruno, Frank
Clements, Jim  Greenberg, Warren  Heald, David
Howell, Charlie  Lewandowski, Frank  Troxler, David
Wilary, Loretta

Guests in attendance:
Carlton, Isaiah  Martin, Francine

The first item on the agenda was a review of the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew.
- Mr. Bruno enumerated specific people and organizations who came out to help in any way that they could.
- The main concern is that there are still people out there who are having trouble.
- Mr. Bruno asked Pastor Dave Troxler for an up-date.
  - Pastor Dave discussed the organization called Volusia Interfaith/Agencies Networking in Disasters (VIND) which is involved in long-term recovery.
    - There were approximately 17,500 reports.
    - Usually 10 percent are un-met needs.
    - Most are manufactured homes.
• Mr. Bruno discussed the January General Membership meeting:
  – It will be held on 18 January, 2017 at 2:00.
  – The guest speaker will be Jim Judge, Director of Emergency Services for Volusia County.
  – It will be in the Airline Room at the airport.
  – Mr. Bruno asked that there be summary reports from the United Way, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and other groups where appropriate.
  – Jerry Brandon was asked to find other possible places for the General Membership meetings.

➢ Next Mr. Bruno introduced Isaiah Carlton from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) and asked him to explain the DART program which is on that campus. Mr. Carlton is the president of this organization.
  • DART stands for Disaster Assistance and Relief Team.
  • Their mission statement is: “To safely provide humanitarian relief to those who have suffered during a disaster, while maintaining the highest level of professionalism by training our members to provide excellent services.”
  • Their goal addresses 3 separate areas: training, preparedness, and relief.
  • The first meeting in January, 2017, will be to discuss how to recruit from the ERAU community and how to reach out to the general public.
  • There will be a practice exercise in February, 2017 on the ERAU campus.
  • They will be reaching out to other local colleges and universities to widen the scope and the geographic influence.
More general discussion ensued on Hurricane Matthew also addressing items specific to improving our COAD’s ability to help others.

• Charlie Howell is still taking calls off our COAD emails and forwarding them to Mrs. White and others in the county.
• Mrs. Wilary strongly suggested that we need to get the information that is being discussed out to the general public through pictures and a press release which includes specific data and statements from key people.
• Mr. Bruno remarked that the general public thinks that the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew is over, but it really isn’t.
• He also suggested that *The Volusia Magazine* would be a good place for a press release and that he could help in this particular matter.
• It was remarked that we won’t get help from the general public unless we can use facts to prove what and where we need help.
• Mrs. Wilary talked at length about her discussions with Diamond Resorts International.
  – They work with the United Way in all the geographic areas where they have time-share resorts.
  – There are 2 in our area.
  – Mrs. Wilary directed them to Pastor Dave and VIND after telling them about our COAD.
  – Pastor Dave has written a proposal and an application showing how monies would be spent and that VIND has the full support of the United Way.
  – The foundation is willing to fund the 2-1-1 emergency number with a donation of $5,000.
  – This check will be presented to Mrs. Wilary in the next day or two.
− She will write a press release which will tell about the donation and include data about the hurricane’s aftermath as well as facts about what still needs to be done.
− Mrs. White said that the fact that we have only 2 volunteers right now also needs to be mentioned in the article.

➢ General discussion continued:
  • Mrs. White mentioned that in future we need to be sure that we get the word out sooner when we need help and communicate more effectively with various disaster recovery organizations.
  • Mr. Bruno asked Frank Lewandowski if the LDS (Church of the Latter Day Saints) could man a VRC (Volunteer Resourse Center) in the future. Mr. Lewandowski said that he thought the answer would be yes.
  • Mrs. Wilary asked if our COAD needs to re-address our goals and perspectives. Mr. Bruno suggested that we address this at our next Steering Committee meeting.
  • He went on to say that even with all of the work that we have done, there is still a lot more educating of the public that is needed.
  • It was suggested that we look at some type of procedure manual and modify it to meet our COAD’s own needs.
  • Mr. Brandon talked about the need for instructors for MYN (Map Your Neighborhood) because this concept is very important to public preparedness.
  • He also announced that he and Mr. Clements have a meeting at 2:00 on 19 January, 2017 at the EOC to talk to a group of people about the CERT program and combining it with MYN. He also mentioned that there is a tremendous amount of talent within this group and that they are eager to work. These are people throughout the entire county. All on the Steering Committee are welcome.
− This CERT program can act like an umbrella which can spin-off to cities within the county.
− Mrs. Wilary suggested that they fill out a profile sheet so that their individual talents and skills are known.
− Mr. Clements said that it is already known that one person is skilled at writing grants and another has worked with the Federal Government.
− Pastor Dave will let our COAD Steering Committee know when VIND has a full-time person to man their telephone and field the calls from people still in need after the hurricane. This should happen in the next 2 weeks.
− Mr. Lewandowski announced that the LDS is having a clean-up project at a cemetery in Ormond Beach on Saturday, 14 January, 2017.

➢ The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM.