

**Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)**  
**Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 13 November, 2018**

The meeting was brought to order at 10:04 AM by Jerry Brandon, Co-Chairman.

Members in attendance:

Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Jerry	Bruno, Frank
Dominguez, Jason	Greenberg, Warren	Hemmerlein, Jill
Howell, Charlie	Lewandowski, Frank	Madison, Rose
Rademacher, Jeanne	Troxler, David	White, Pat

- After general introductions from each committee member, Mr. Brandon requested approval of the minutes for the meeting of 11 September, 2018. Frank Bruno, Co-Chairman, moved to accept these minutes. Seconded by Charlie Howell, the motion passed.
  
- Next Mr. Brandon asked for approval of the minutes for the meeting of 9 October, 2018.
  - Jill Hemmerlein noted that she had been present at that meeting, but her name was omitted on the list of Steering Committee members in attendance.
  - Frank Lewandowski said that the full name of the organization that he represents should read, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
  - A motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Lewandowski, to approve minutes as amended. Motion passed.
  
- Mr. Brandon now called for each committee member to give up-dates on their organization's activities:
  - Mr. Lewandowski said that his group has been going to help in the Panhandle after Hurricane Michael There were approximately 100 people involved with 50 per weekend staying in tents.

- Mrs. Hemmerlein gave a detailed account of observations she made during her deployment to the Panhandle after Hurricane Michael.
  - She spent 2 weeks at the EOC in Tallahassee before going to Mexico Beach where she was Volunteer Co-ordinator for 25 volunteers.
  - She developed a database for missing persons which included writing the wording to be used when talking to family members of the missing.
  - She also developed an After Action Report (AAR).
  
- Andrea Brandon, Secretary, requested that all Steering Committee members present check the Membership List that was being circulated in order to up-date it.
  
- Pat White gave an account of what she had seen of the fire disasters while in California.
  
- Charlie Howell with CareerSource said that although there is no specific activity locally, the National Emergency Grants have been extended and are operating out of County facilities in Bay County.
  
- Pastor Dave Troxler with VIND spoke next.
  - Two volunteer teams will be coming here in December.
  - We lost some teams that were due to be coming here because of the needs in the Panhandle. This has created some problems because we have not been able to follow through on some local projects.
  - We've added a new person as a volunteer co-ordinator on a probationary basis.
  - We now have 6 case managers.
  
- Jason Dominguez with The United Way:
  - They are continuing to up-date the data bases.
  - Have not yet seen an influx of cases from the Panhandle situation.
  - They are still working with cases from the Carolinas.

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- Jeanne Rademacher also with The United Way continued:
  - They are meeting tomorrow with representatives of the Hotel/Motel Association regarding temporary housing for people displaced by these disasters.
  
- Rose Hamilton, our new representative-member from the Red Cross was introduced.
  
- Mr. Bruno discussed several issues:
  - Karen Leone has filed our paperwork as a 501(c)(3).
  - We are members of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for an annual fee of \$350 which Mr. Bruno has paid.
  - We are still looking to join the Hispanic C. of C. in a Hurricane Expo on 1 June, 2019. This is not only the beginning of Hurricane Season, but also follows closely the Governor's Hurricane Conference which is to be held May 12 – 17, 2019.
  - Mr. Bruno also noted that we need a representative from the County's Community Services at our meetings. Mrs. Hemmerlein explained that they were in attendance at the County Council meeting today.
  - He went on to say that we are now fortunate to have a financial commitment of support from the County for the Expo.
  
- Mrs. Hemmerlein said that we now have a state liaison contact with The Salvation Army named Jessica Geiv. Mrs. Hemmerlein met her at the State EOC where she was an Anchor along with Peter Newman and others. Mrs. Geiv indicated that she is aware of our COAD and that she would support us in any way possible.
  
- Mr. Brandon brought up several items:
  - The library systems and facilities in the Panhandle are in tremendous need of help after being devastated by Hurricane Michael. The Ormond Beach Friends of the Library is donating several hundred dollars to help them rebuild. Other Friends groups are also donating financial help.

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- Using libraries in this county as an example of public usage, the Ormond Beach library has 9,000 volunteer hours and 5,000 children and young adults used the many programs offered. It's a huge community project that reaches out to all age levels.
  - Mr. Brandon asked what our status is with the Volusia Voice. Mr. Bruno answered that we are current with them for the annual dues of \$ 100 which he will also pay for.
  - Mr. Brandon said that we need to make a list internally of all donations that are being made to our COAD.
  - Mrs. Rademacher asked if we had a State Agricultural Solicitation License without which as a 501(c)(3) we cannot solicit donations. Mr. Bruno will pursue this with Mrs. Leone.
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- The next Steering Committee meeting will be 11 December, 2018.
  
  - The next General Meeting will be 16 January, 2019. Suzanne Skinner, who is with a group called, "Until Help Arrives", will be one of the speakers.
  
  - The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM