

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 10 August, 2021

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

Members in attendance:

Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Gerald	Bruno, Frank
Buckles, Yolanda	Greenberg, Warren	Howell, Charlie
Korkus, Tarayn	Robinson, Jennifer	White, Pat

- After general introductions of members present, Mr. Brandon allowed time for everyone to read the minutes of the meetings for January through June, 2021, which had not been voted for approval due to the need for telecons during the pandemic.
 - A motion was made by Charlie Howell, seconded Frank Bruno, Co-Chairman, that all of the minutes be approved. Motion carried.
- Mr. Brandon then went through a list of organizations which previously participated in our Steering Committee meetings but who are no longer attending. We need to reach out to the following organizations: Red Cross; Florida Baptist; CERTS; Latter Day Saints; Salvation Army.
- Next, Mr. Brandon asked each member present to give an overview of what is happening in their organization:
 - Warren Greenberg with Volusia ARES:
 - They are watching what is going on weather-wise in the gulf. They are all set with their new staff and new equipment, and are just waiting to see if anything happens and where they will be needed.
 - Charlie Howell with CareerSource:
 - They had relaxed the protocols put in place during the pandemic. However, most of them have been reinstated as a direct result of the increase in COVID19 cases.
 - Much discussion ensued as to what was going on with the pandemic up to this time.
 - Tarayn Korkus with the Health Department
 - Gave a schedule of when and where COVID19 vaccinations are being given in the County and where and when testing is being done. It is necessary to make an appointment.
 - They still have masks available.
 - Yolanda Buckles with the County said that if necessary, they may have extras.

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- Pat White, COAD Treasurer:
 - Paid for Corporate in May.
 - Mr. Howell asked if she had gotten into the corporate account. He has put \$100 in there.
 - Mr. Bruno said that he is not sure that it is working properly. Maybe we should sit down in an office to figure it out. Perhaps we need to evaluate our accounts.
 - At the next meeting we should discuss the PayPal account, the checking account, and whatever other things that are affecting our finances.
 - Mrs. Buckles brought up that another option to PayPal is Zelle. There was discussion about Zelle vs. PayPal. Zelle will send a notification whenever there is a transaction.

- At this time, Jennifer Robinson, a specialist with the Volusia County school system, arrived and said that she would be their representative to our COAD. Volunteers will go directly to the United Way, and donations will go directly to the COAD as it is set up now.
- Mr. Bruno suggested that the two (2) phone numbers that were set up by Mr. Howell will have to be altered in some way to allow for volunteers to go directly to the United Way and donations will go directly to COAD. Mrs. Buckles agreed with Mr. Bruno. This is directly concerning the Citizen's Information Line (CIC).
- Mrs. Buckles with Volusia County Emergency:
 - There was much discussion about various county telephone lines.
 - They will probably have a "well-being" check telephone line.
 - There is a lot of re-vamping of County programs making them more robust.
 - They have a new director with a lot of experience who is trying to be proactive in dealing with emergencies.
 - They will be creating a true call center out of the CIC which will allow for many answers to various questions and the tracking a real call volume.
 - She has sent an email to Brad about the Hurricane Expo. Even though he is no longer in the same position, it doesn't seem like there will be any problem.
- Mr. Bruno had several points of discussion:
 - We have full approval for the Expo from the General Manager's office.
 - He is working with small town businesses that want to be a part of our program.
 - He is working with Kevin Captain who has everything, including all the information, in place with all of the paperwork for the Expo.

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- All sponsorships can be taken care of before the end of the year.
 - The Expo will be in May, 2022.
 - The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will be working with us and is anxious to do so.
 - BJ's will be a sponsor like last time.
- Mr. Brandon reminded Warren Greenberg that we need to get back with our Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) program. Mr. Greenberg asked Mrs. Buckles to email him a new, up-dated list of Condos, HOAs, and Mobile Home Parks.
 - Mr. Brandon asked if we need to up-date our matrixes of Capabilities and Resources. It was agreed that they do need it and Francine Martin with the Red Cross is working on it.
 - Reminder that we have the FEMA classes coming up on October 13, 14, and 15. This will be the G489 and G288.
 - We just now got the word that the Expo 22 has been approved by the County for 29 and 21 May, 2022.
 - Next meeting will be 14 September, 2021.
 - Meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM.