

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)

Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 10 May, 2022

The meeting was brought to order at 10:11 AM by Jerry Brandon, Co-Chairman.

Members in attendance:

Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Jerry	Bruno, Frank
Buckles, Yolanda	Cameron, Jim	Greenberg, Warren
Martin, Francine	Svardstrom, Vera Rae	Troxler, David

- After introductions of those in attendance, the first thing on the agenda was the organizational up-dates:
 - Warren Greenberg with Volusia ARES:
 - There is nothing new with Volusia ARES.
 - With Map Your Neighborhood (MYN): All the videos have been resurrected on all the types of disasters, and he has eliminated the ones like earthquakes that we don't need to include.
 - Pastor Dave with VIND:
 - They no longer have any paid staff for VIND.
 - VIND is ready to go whenever there is a need.
 - Francine Martin, Community Impact Senior Manager with United Way:
 - She introduced the new Engagement Co-ordinator for the United Way, Rae Swardstrom.
 - The United Way will be moving its offices either this summer or this fall.
 - The program called Funded Partners is going really well.
 - They are doing several sponsorships in the community instead of the Hurricane Expo so that the community knows they are there for them.
 - Corporate volunteers are coming back after the Covid stoppage.
 - Now, during Hurricane Season, the policy will be that on the first safe Saturday, they will mobilize their volunteers using the CIC system that they have getting work orders for safe clean-ups.
 - Mr. Brandon interjected some comments and questions about the dealings with disasters this year:
 - We've lost touch with some groups such as the Latter Day Saints.

- We don't seem to have the types of organizations that we need to have to deal with a disaster, and that concerns him.
 - Mrs. Martin's response was that many church groups have the means to deal with situations, some of which need such things as power tools, and the United way will provide them with the necessary work orders.
 - Frank Bruno, Co-Chairman, spoke now about the fact that there are times when both officers are out of town, leaving a possible void in leadership and/or representation of COAD during a time when it is needed. He therefore made a motion that Jim Cameron be made an alternate for the purpose of being here at the EOC (Emergency Operating Center) if needed. Seconded by Mrs. Martin, the motion passed.
 - Continuing on with the organizational updates:
 - Yolanda Buckles with Volusia County Emergency Management:
 - She has reached out for a meeting of ESF 15 but has not received a response yet.
 - She listed several dates and gave information on actions within the County Emergency Management.
 - There is going to be a big meeting on June 2nd involving all of the emergency management partners – all of the partners that work in the large room for emergency personnel during a disaster as well as those who participate remotely.
 - Mr. Bruno suggested that this would be a good time to talk to members of organizations with which we as a COAD were involved and invite them to participate again.
 - Next on the agenda was a discussion of this year's Hurricane Expo by Mr. Bruno:
 - The 2022 Hurricane Expo has been cancelled.
 - We were unable to get the sponsors that we needed, including those who had supported us before due to various circumstances and miscommunications.
 - He thanked everyone for their tireless effort, especially Mrs. Buckles for her dedication to the Expo.
 - Unfortunately, we were also unable to get the support from potential exhibitors.
 - For next year's Expo, we need to have things begun by 1 November for May the following year.
 - Much discussion followed regarding planning for next year's Expo.

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- Mr. Bruno will pay for the Giveaway Bags bought for people to put literature and materials given to them by the exhibitors, and \$50 for the banner.
 - Mr. Brandon said that we should reimburse Mr. Bruno for the bags. This will be addressed in the future.
 - Jim Cameron made a motion that we pay \$398 to the Print House. Seconded by Mrs. Martin, the motion passed.
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- The next Steering Committee meeting will be 14 June, 2022.
 - Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.