

DEVOAD ANNUAL MEETING

October 18, 2017 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Commodore Center – St. Georges, DE

Attending: Mr. Dave Carpenter (NCC OEM), the Rev. John Coleman (Everspring Church), Ms. Betty Decker (DPH/EMSPS), Mr. Bill Duveneck (Am. Radio Relay League), Mr. Aaron Fries (Red Cross), Ms. Judith Gregory (Secretary)(Epis. Dio of DE), Ms. Ingrid Hansen (DMRC), Ms. Pam Herrmann (Dover Calvary Assembly of God), Ms. Karen Horton (DSHA), Mr. Phillip Huber (Diakon Lutheran Disaster Response), Ms. Mei Johnson (DEMA), Mr. Richard Kauffman (Mennonite Disaster Services), Mr. Tony Lee (DEMA), Mr. Eric Morgan (DEMA/Team Rubicon), Mr. Jay Muthukamatchi (Charity Crossing), Mr. Luke Rodgers (Salvation Army), Mr. David Scott (NCC OEM), Mr. Larry Sullivan (Treasurer), Ms. Karen Townsend (DEMA), Mr. David Venables (Team Rubicon) (Chair), and Mr. Grishka Woodie (Adventist Community Service Center)

Guests: Mr. Jerry Grosh (Mennonite Disaster Services) and Mr. Tyler Rivera (Senator Coon's Office)

The Annual meeting was **called to order** by Mr. David Venables who welcomed everyone, thanked Larry Sullivan for hosting the meeting at the Commodore Center and asked everyone to go around the room and introduce themselves. The annual meeting was postponed until the Executive Committee could meet and plan the 2018 budget.

Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes from the July 2017 meeting were not available. When located, they will be distributed and voted upon at the January 17, 2018 meeting.

Chair Message: David Venables

- The Chair shared information that was acquired during the recovery work following the hurricanes in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico (PR) and the US Virgin Islands. Working with Senator Coons' office unless requested do not send aid in the way of clothing immediately following the storm. In PR a means to distribute the containers of goods was not available. Very little cross communication between agencies and local, state, and federal agencies.
- DEMA Training will be held at the end of October at Bayard School. Let Karen Townsend know if you or someone else wants to or should attend.
- For the past year the speakers for the meetings have each dealt with the various states of disaster relief to recovery. Today we finish with long-term recovery and how to provide for housing. The other areas are mitigation, response, and recovery. The Chair would like to continue this for our meetings in 2018. Larry Sullivan mentioned that he like rotating the meetings around the state. Mr. Phil Huber had a question about managing long-term volunteers. Might this be a topic for 2018?
- The dues requests for 2018 will go out shortly. We currently have 12 or so member groups and many affiliated agencies that do not pay dues and do not vote. The Chair has

started a Go Fund Me page to assist with the administrative costs for DEVOAD. <https://www.gofundme.com/delaware-voad-support-fund> Mr. Jay Muthukamatchi (Charity Crossing), uses U Caring with is similar to Go Fund Me.

Treasure Report: Larry Sullivan

- The Treasurer verbally reported that the checking account has a balance of \$1,977.24 as of September 30. A drop off in member organizations has occurred. We should reach out to past members, re-kindle interest, advocate for VOAD and encourage new members. Remind them of the 4C's – Cooperation, Communication, Coordination and Collaboration then increasing education and mitigation work. www.devoad.communityos.org .Twitter #DEVOAD. A Facebook page will be set up by Judith Gregory and Jay Muthukamatchi.
- The Treasurer applied and received confirmation of DEVOAD's 501(c)(3) status. The IRS informational Form 990 was filed.
- Judith Gregory wondered about the requirement for an annual audit if we are to request and receive grants for the work of DEVOAD.
- A brief discussion about donating for lunch. Today's food was donated by Operation Barbecue Relief. They also provided the food for the Disaster Exercise.
- A motion was presented by the Treasurer and seconded by Eric Morgan that the prior dues balance of Operation Barbecue Relief be waived in consideration of their food donation as the disaster training day and today. After some discussion and no consensus of opinion, the motion was withdrawn. The Board will discuss additional methods of providing and paying for lunch.

DEMA Mass Care Exercise AAR Discussion

- The Salvation Army's role was to maintain the canteen for the day and to provide spiritual care at the DRC (?). They served only 13 meals when they were told to provide and donated food for 40.
- DRC was disappointed that there was no other faith-based organization to help. Non-state components were missed. Communication was poor.
- The Amateur Radio Operators used this as a first time to put people at different locations around the state which allowed communication to continue, think on their feet and move people around to better locations.
- The Red Cross has most of the same experience as the Salvation Army.
- Larry Sullivan, representing the Commodore Center, was committed to staying open for mass feeding. The food was provided by Operation Barbecue Relief.
- The loss of internet in places meant that certain components could not be practiced.
- The Donation Management Center learned that their facility was too small.

- Greatest takeaway was the realization that it takes A LOT of people to service this state during times of disaster.
- There will be an exercise in managing long-term care and housing in 2018. FEMA and Mennonite program plan to collaborate in the future.

Lunch Break

Tyler Rivera brought greetings and support from Senator Coons' office. He shared their Office's experiences with support those affected by the hurricanes.

New Business:

Open Voting for Vice Chair and Member at Large seats:

- Mr. Chris Young was re-elected as Vice-chair
- Mr. Ron Templeman was elected, by acclamation, as the member at large.

Request for Membership

- Mr. Jay Muthukamatchi, Founder and Executive Director of Charity Crossing submitted an application for membership. A motion to approve was seconded and Charity Crossing was unanimously approved for membership.

Presentation by Jerry Grosh Chair of Housing for National VOAD and the Director of Field Operations, Mennonite Disaster Services.

- Over 60 years involvement in the Stafford program that development FEMA.
- Homes have to be Safe, Secure, Sanitary and Functional
- Four pillars – Volunteers, Accommodations, Meaningful Work, and Funding.
- Might we get their presentation for the DEVOAD website or add a link to this presentation.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

*****Next Meeting*****

January 17, 2018

Location TBD