

# Ohio Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC)

## May 9, 2012

### Chair Report – Pastor Jim Dinkel

Our LTRC opened the bank account last Thursday (5/3/12) at the New Richmond Branch of Park National Bank. The account will be named: Ohio Valley LTRC. The address will be: The Washington Township Building, 2238 State Route 756, Moscow, Ohio 45153.

### Bylaws Review and Changes

- Added the Counties Served
- Removed the Officers Names
- Added a minimum carryover balance in the checking account of \$100.00

LTRC voiced concern over Article I and the relationship of the Tri-State COAD (TSCOAD) with the State VOADs in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. Currently Indiana and Kentucky VOADs are not participating in the TSCOAD. The revised statement will say “LTRC is a sub-group of Ohio VOAD and intends to be a part of the developing Tri-State COAD.”

Article VI will be amended to state, “The bylaws can be altered, amended, or updated at the first meeting of the LTRC following a disaster that impacts the Ohio River Valley or as needed. The bylaws can be amended by a majority vote of the LTRC members at any regularly scheduled meeting. A notice of the intent to amend the bylaws must be provided to the membership two weeks prior to a vote to alter the bylaws.”

Dan Domis made a motion to adopt the bylaws once the updates were made (per above); The motion was seconded by George Siddall.

### Financial Report

We received our first donation from Eastern Brown Local School. The Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grades raised \$566.00;

Jake Deerhake of Donavan Elementary in Warren County donated \$20.00. Pam will draft a thank you letter for the donations.

The Batavia Rotary Club (Rotarians) is paying for the vouchers to Mr. Mattress. Case Management provides the vouchers to the clients. The invoices from Mr. Mattress will be sent to Kathy Coulson.

Park National currently has \$8,900.00 in the account. The United Methodist of Western Ohio will be donating \$12,000.00.

The group discussed the ability to capture all of the fundraising efforts. There are some events that have been held for specific people and it appears to be little forethought into how the funds/gift cards are dispersed. The group agreed this information would be helpful for Bev to know. The LTRC cannot be held accountable for fundraising efforts that are not coordinated by the LTRC. The LTRC could request this information, but cannot require that individuals/families share this information with Bev. In a future event, the LTRC will begin collecting financial donations in the bank account immediately following the event.

### Donations Management

Roy is working with the Red Barn to get an extension on the Donation Center. The Red Barn may have a leaser, so we may not be able to extend our time at the Red Barn. Wade Grabowski, Clermont County Facility Management, may be able to assist with extending the lease and/or finding an alternate location.

A citizen would like to donate 2 wooden office desks, 1 executive desk and 3 credenzas. Is there a need for office furniture? It was identified that the Village of Moscow may be interested, but would need a place to store it until the

Community Center was available. Roy was going to reach out to Lisa Davis from Clermont County Developmental Disabilities (DD) to see if DD could pick up the furniture in their box truck.

Roy made a personal request not to distribute his personal cell phone number to the public.

### **Volunteer Management**

Senator Portman would like to volunteer his time in the coming months on the recovery effort. Point of contact will be Connie Laug.

There has been limited need for volunteers. The LTRC is working to identify volunteers and match them to the appropriate volunteer group such as Habitat for Humanity. It is important to remember that 80% of the homes were insured.

Update on Habitat Housing – 1 site has survivors living in it temporarily until their permanent housing is available. The other home needs to be repaired. Village Ordinance requires that any trailer that is replaced must be elevated. There are 3 mobile homes that were impacted that were not grandfathered in by the Village. These sites may be a good location for a Habitat Home.

The Village of Moscow could use volunteers to assist with the reclamation of the Maintenance Building and raking of debris in the Park.

### **Case Management**

Bev has been calling all of the cases that may qualify for the Matthew 35 Ministries gift cards. Clients get to pick between Wal-Mart and Home Depot gift cards. This information will be sent to Joodi at Matthew 25 Ministries. The gift card program is for survivors in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. It provides a tiered amount (\$500, \$1000, \$2000) based on renter, homeowner, insured, underinsured, not insured, and significant damage/destroyed. The cards are meant to purchase those items that cannot be provided through other means (e.g. shower curtains).

Bed requests – Bev has processed 4 -5 bed vouchers. Sheets and pillows were provided by the Donation Center. Bev is delivering the new sheets and pillows following the meeting. Batavia Rotary is providing the funding for beds/bed frame vouchers through Mr. Mattress. Jim will be attending the next Rotarian Meeting on June 12 at 7 am.

St. Vincent de Paul and Catholic Charities are providing the funding for large appliances (refrigerator, stove, washer and dryer).

The Donation Center is in need of new pillow cases. The group recommended reaching out to MACY's, Kohl's, and Wal-Mart and Sam's to see if they could provide pillow cases.

Bev has referred 15 people to Dan Domis of PWC for the Federal Home Loan Bank Disaster Reconstruction Program. Dan is attempting to get written documentation back from the clients in order to ensure that there is not a duplication of service (e.g. insurance).

Pastor Dinkle reminded the group that survivors need to keep all receipts for insurance, IRS deductions, etc.

### **Government Report**

SBA update – To date, 7 cases have been awarded a total of \$294,600.00

Ohio Individual Assistance has received 35 applications – 3 were approved in Brown for a total of \$23,787.00 and 24 were approved in Clermont for a total of \$149,845.00; 5 applicants were ineligible, 3 applications are still pending. The average award is \$6,431.00 and 3 applicants received the maximum award of \$18,700.00.

### **Other Business**

Pam will be drafting LTRC letterhead for Thank You and donation request letters.

The question was posed about the need for a Town Hall Meeting. The group felt that the Community Advocates have been working well. The Village has been reaching out to those families that have moved. Beth has been reaching out to the Brown County residents impacted every Friday.

The group felt it has been helpful working closely with the Emergency Management Agencies (EMAs). The LTRC is relying on the Pike and Adams County EMA Directors for information on their counties' needs. This has been a unique experience and the first time the LTRC has had to deal with financial donations.

The Weather Channel recently interviewed FEMA Director Fugate. He was asked why Moscow did not receive a federal declaration. 1) 80-85% insurance rate; 2) The Governor said that this disaster could be handled at the state and local level. This reinforces that FEMA will be there for the catastrophic disasters, but communities need to be prepared to care for themselves in smaller instances.

The future is that FEMA will have limited support for recovery efforts. The faith-based and non-profit groups also have shifted in the resources that they bring to the table. They used to bring financial contributions, now they bring specialized volunteers. Even after the disaster recovery ends, it is important to focus on preparedness efforts.

There was a report of scamming through an apartment rental site. Down payments were to be sent through Western Union to Nigeria. Pam is going to work with the Clermont County Sheriff's Office to put out an informational press release on how to protect yourself from scams.

There was a request for assistance directed to Senator Portman's Office to assist with finding funding for communitywide safe rooms.

Ohio VOAD is meeting a week from Wednesday (5/16/12).

River Valley Ecumenical Council has completed their feeding commitment. If there is a need in the future, they will need some lead time to recruit volunteers.

The Boys Scouts are hosting their 2012 Peterloo Festival in October. The event will focus on disaster preparedness. We may be able to recruit volunteers through local schools and scout troops (Eagle Scouts). YouGive is a portal for kids to do service and is headquartered in Montgomery.

### ***LTRC Meeting***

Next LTRC Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 16 at 10:00 am. The new phone conference number is 513-732-8008 Pin 130113.