

Ohio Valley Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC)

May 16, 2012

Chair Report – Pastor Jim Dinkel

The 501(c)3 paperwork has been completed.

The Milford 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for May 19th. Jim and JoEllen from Ally Bead's were on Channel 5 on Saturday morning promoting the event. The LTRC Donation Center will be providing water.

The bylaws were modified to reflect the name "Ohio Valley Long Term Recovery Committee."

Financial Report

Park National currently has \$9,391.82.00 in the account. The account was debited by \$26.50 for checks.

United Way will be donating \$15,000.00 to the LTRC for verified unmet needs. This will be a grant award versus a program. The funds will go into the LTRC bank account and will be managed through Case Management.

Beth has reached out to River Hills Bank. They have 2 accounts set up. One account is for Moscow Relief and has been transferred to the Village of Moscow. The second account – SOAR is administered by Janice. Janice will get back to Beth with the details.

Volunteer Management

Two volunteer groups, Southern Baptist Chain Saw Team and SEOM (Bill Marshall) have been out to assess the tree debris clearing needs. Both groups have stated that the work needed is no longer disaster relief because the homes and public right of ways are clear and it is not a hazard to the individuals and families in these communities. The Southern Baptists Chain Saw Crews are not planning on returning. They completed 95% of the tree removal/clearing prior to the rain moving in. The remaining 5% requires a man lift or cherry picker.

We have received 12 requests for assistance in debris clearing (outside of the Village of Moscow). Dawn presented the current volunteer needs. Due to the case specific information provided, this information can be found in the Case Management section of the notes.

The LTRC focuses on residential structures and personal needs. It is not intended to focus on property per se. Logging companies are a good option for some homeowners. Price Wood Products was in the Village, but there were not enough trees in the Village for it to be profitable. The LTRC could reach out to BZAK to see if they would be willing to assist in return for the mulch. Beth is going to put together a letter to be distributed through the Community Advocates to explain what the options are for tree debris clearing.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) did an assessment of the trees within the Village to identify which trees could be salvaged. Any tree with over 50% damage should be cut down. Any tree with splits is susceptible to disease. ODNR said that trees could be topped, but it will be hard for the tree to survive. There are some trees that look ok now but will need to be removed at a later time. ODNR will be holding Tree Commission Academy later in the year.

It has been challenging to coordinate the Volunteer Needs due to multiple assessments (e.g. Southern Baptists, SEOM, etc.) Moving forward Volunteer Management needs to be coordinated through a central point. The LTRC needs to develop a job description for this position. It would be a good idea in the future to have a paid assessor. Indiana currently has a paid assessor. The LTRC could also use a Hospitality Coordinator. Many volunteer groups are used to mission trips. We will need a person to handle the logistics on-site and to have multiple jobs ready for volunteers. This may be a niche for David Legg or for the COAD.

New Richmond High School will likely be the best housing option for large groups. The LTRC could reach out to the YMCA in Anderson and Batavia. For a weekend volunteer trip, it would be ok for groups to stay in a church.

Case Management

Suggestion for Case Management to provide a weekly summary of cases (e.g. total number of cases, total closed, etc.)

To date there has not been a voucher for appliances. One case will need appliances in the near future.

Government Report

SBA update – To date, 8 cases have been awarded a total of \$318,100.00

Ohio Individual Assistance has received 36 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, 4 applications are still pending. The average award is \$6,431.00 and 3 applicants received the maximum award of \$18,700.00.

Other Business

The group discussed a records retention issues (e.g. who should maintain them, how long will they be maintained, etc.). Potential options include saving documents electronically on the COAD website (non-public side) or CAN. The problem is how governmental agencies access this information down the road when they do not have access to the CAN. The issue was tabled for the time being, but will be discussed at a later date.

PWC - Federal Home Loan Bank Disaster Reconstruction Program Status

Dan has had contact with 18 perspective applicants; 5 are building or buying and have been referred to member banks; 2 are renters who have been referred to Habitat; 8 have applied for repairs; 3 cases have been contacted, but additional information is needed.

The group discussed the accountability of funds being distributed by outside groups. The LTRC is only accountable for funds that we disperse.

Pam will draft a Thank You letter for Rotarians on for the \$10,000 donation for bed vouchers.

Facebook – Thalia is still making changes to the account. She will send out the url.

Catholic Heart Work Camps will be in the area on June 18-21st doing a variety of service projects. Hours: Monday – Thursday 8 am to 3:30 pm. If there are specific volunteer needs, please let Dawn know so that she can coordinate.

LTRC Meeting

Next LTRC Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 23rd at 10:00 am. The new phone conference number is 513-732-8008 Pin 130113.