

Ohio Valley Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC)

July 18, 2012

Chair Report – Pastor Jim Dinkel

The LTRC received \$3,000.00 from Park National Bank. A thank you letter will be sent to Park National Bank - Care of Dave Gooch.

This month's Cincinnati Magazine has an article on Moscow's tornado recovery efforts.

The LTRC discussed the Ohio VOAD - Pike County construction project. Jim spoke with Mary Woodward. If our LTRC can contribute \$6,000, Ohio VOAD will contribute the remainder for the build (approximately \$13,000). United Methodist Churches has already contributed \$6,000.00. Beth Nevel made a motion for the LTRC to contribute \$6,000 to the construction of a home in Pike County. Sandy Keiser seconded the motion. The LTRC approved the motion.

Jim reported that the State of Ohio has a "Rainy Day" Fund. The LTRC discussed reaching out to the Legislature to dip into the fund to cover the projects that have been approved for the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) prior to CHIP running out of funds for the year. It is important to get families into the rebuilding phase. Beth offered to speak with Ohio Senator Tom Niehaus. Since CHIP is a federal pass through program, we may need to look at State funded programs.

Vice Chair Report - Beth Nevel

We are shooting to have a newsletter completed in mid/late August. If you have an article or a write up of what your agency has contributed to the recovery efforts, please send them to Beth. We will be reaching out to Federal Home Loan Bank to get a story on the Disaster Reconstruction Program.

We have reached out to Batavia Rotary on the reimbursement of mattresses already issued. They are going to reimburse the LTRC for past vouchers. Mattress Firm has also offered \$1,300 in product. We need to utilize this resource first. Case #50 will be receiving 3 Queens, 1 Twin and 2 metal frames from Mattress Firm (\$940.00). This will leave \$360.00 in product at Mattress Firm.

The LTRC will be adding additional cases from the June 29th windstorm and power outage. Brown County had 4 residential structures destroyed (1 insured, 1 vacant, and 2 uninsured). It is unlikely that Brown or Clermont will be eligible for any additional state or federal assistance. The State is still pursuing a Small Business Administration Economic Injury Loss low interest loan program that would assist businesses with lost revenue. The USDA is also working with the Farm Service Agency to assist farmers who had crop damage. The Department of Jobs and Family Services has reached out to clients who may have lost food in the storm to get additional food stamps.

Power Outages are a big issue for people who work from home. The Red Cross and BEPA should consider contingency planning for a future meeting.

Financial Report

Batavia Rotary will need copies of the Mr. Mattress invoices in order to reimburse the LTRC. Kathy will scan and send the invoices to Bev. The Mr. Mattress cost to date is \$2,135.00.

Payments:

- Lutheran Disaster Response for Pike County Home: \$6,000.00
- Phone/Internet at Donation Center (March & June): \$ 204.97

Revenue:

- Park National Bank: \$3,000.00

Balance: \$24,496.09

Other Business

Kenneth Copeland Ministries will be coming to the Village of Moscow on Saturday, July 28th. They will be handing out pantry boxes to storm survivors or those in need from our entire region. To be eligible, one must pre-register by calling 1-800-600-7395 and then arrive between 9 am and 10 am on Saturday. Vouchers will be handed out at registration. A Worship service will begin at 10 am. Lunch and activities will follow. The pantry boxes will be distributed out at 2 pm. This information will be shared with the Kentucky Safety Alliance and United Way.

- Thursday, July 26th 6:30 pm Training for the volunteers
- Friday, July 27th 10 am to 5 pm Set up and prep for Saturday
- Saturday, July 28th
 - 8 am Doors open for Volunteers
 - 9 am Doors open to the Public
 - 10 am Worship Service
 - 12 pm – 1 pm Food and Activities
 - 12 pm – 2 pm Distribution of Food

Facebook - In order for Beth to be added as an Admin she will need to friend the page. The Kenneth Copeland Ministries poster will be added to the Facebook page.

Catholic Charities and St. Vincent de Paul picked up the remaining items from the Red Barn. Catholic Charities requested some water for Su Casa Hispanic Center and Northern Brown County Senior Center.

Mary Hurlburt of Lifespan is willing to provide some financial planning assistance; she has offered to come to the Village of Moscow and meet with people by appointment; we could do a workshop/program on managing disaster assistance funds. The group recommended that this be done following the next disaster during the 70 day period. Sandy is going to set up a workshop that will be held in the Village Community Center. The only bad days are Wednesdays and the 1st Thursday of the month. Some topics include: contracts; getting estimates; Financial planning; Insurance; CHIP process; This may turn into a multi-day series; Each meeting would be less than 2 hours. Bev, Beth and Sandy will work on the demo.

The Washington Township Fire Department will be doing preparedness site visits every Saturday in the month of September.

This week there was a terrible accident in the village; a roofer was injured when he was sawing a board and it hit a tire, exploding in his face. This injury highlights the need to make sure that homeowners have a contract with contractors, that contractors are bonded and have insurance. This individual was transported by air care.