

Ohio Valley Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC)

November 7, 2012

Present:

Jim Dinkel, Lutheran Disaster Response
Linda Carter, Advocate - Village of Moscow
Mickey Hanselman, Advocate – Village of Moscow
Kathy Coulson, Park National Bank
Pam Broughton, Clermont County EMA
Beth Nevel, Brown County EMA & Washington Township Trustee
Bob Weaver, St. Vincent de Paul
Tom Callahan, St. Vincent de Paul
Lois Callahan, St. Vincent de Paul
Tammy Simendinger, American Red Cross
Thalia Ghighlia, Church of Scientology
Patty Peck, Advocate
Sandy Keiser, Catholic Charities of SW Ohio
Mary Woodward, Ohio VOAD
Keven Clouse, Ohio EMA
Terri Daugherty, Advocate – Tate Township
Lisa Davis, Clermont County Developmental Disabilities

Reminder

The next LTRC meeting will be December 12th. Ohio VOAD is holding a conference November 14th.

Report from Vice Chair – Beth Nevel

We have an Attorney, working Pro-Bono, drafting the MOU for Case #42. The Attorney recommended a Memorandum of Understanding over a Contract. The MOU will list the principle parties who are contributing financial or material goods. A meeting will be set up with all of the parties to sign the MOU once it is complete. The homeowner is moving forward with the footers and foundation. Construction will begin in the spring of 2013.

Report from Secretary – Pam Broughton

A copy of the draft November newsletter was provided to the group. There were no recommended changes. The newsletter will be finalized and posted on the website. The group discussed potential articles for the December Newsletter. Topics include Value City Furniture's Program, Batavia Rotary's contribution for mattresses, and St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Charities and Lee and Jack's voucher system for appliances. If you have articles, please submit them by November 27th.

We have the Thank You Postcards. If you have individuals or groups that need to be thanked, please send Pam the names and addresses.

The Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the Salute to Leaders Program. The deadline to submit a nomination is January 8th, 2013.

The group discussed the Disaster Recovery Handbook produced for the State of California. The information is very useful, but would need to be condensed into a more digestible format for Disaster Survivors. The group discussed lessons learned from Hurricane Sandy. If a person evacuates, they need to have proof of homeownership and identification. A utility bill is enough to show proof of ownership. The State of Ohio no longer requires that someone get a new ID if they move within the state. They can change their address on file and keep their existing ID. The development of recovery guides may be something the Tri-State COAD could develop. For more information on the Disaster Recovery Handbook go to: www.theredguidetorecovery.com

Financial Report

Previous Balance:		\$22,224.81
Check to Mr. Mattress (Bed Voucher)	\$1815.00	
Check to Printer for Postcards	\$ 350.00	
Check for Labor/Materials (Case #34)	\$ 518.00	
Current Balance:		\$19,541.81

Volunteer Report

The need for volunteers has slowed down. Volunteers could be used to water and winterize the trees.

Other

Thalia will upload the November Newsletter to facebook.

Following Superstorm Sandy, there is a calling to help, even more so now that our community has received wonderful support. The group discussed ways to become affiliated with partner organizations that will respond to large scale disasters such as the Red Cross. The Red Cross is looking for trained personnel who can supervise other volunteers. The traditional deployment is 2 to 3 weeks. There is minimal out-of-pocket expense for volunteers. Currently the Red Cross has 66 people deployed, including Chris Kelson.

Mary Woodward spoke about the National VOAD conference calls and explained that Donation Centers will be opening up in the near future. At this point in time, gift cards and financial donations are the most effective way to support the local economy. Lutheran Disaster Response is sending a truck full of flood clean up kits, blankets, and health supplies. There is a concern of a potential Nor'easter next week. Areas of Staten Island have the worst damage similar to New Orleans. The need for levees and flood walls was identified in the 1960's. The last of the Ohio Survivors have gotten their power restored. Parts of Northeast Ohio saw inland-river and backwater flooding. This is a reminder that we should prepare for long-term power outages.

Clermont County and Brown County are working on updating their All-Hazard Mitigation Plans. As we move forward with the recovery process, we should consider mitigation measures that will reduce or eliminate risks. For example the Village has planted Utili-trees under the Utility lines and purchased a generator for backup power.

We have tentatively scheduled a LTRC After-Action Meeting for February 13th, 2013.