

Indiana VOAD Meeting

February 14, 2013 – American Red Cross – Indianapolis – 1:00pm

Attendance:

Chris Gilbert – American Red Cross	Lucinda Nord – Indiana Assoc. of United Way
Abby Hostetler – Purdue Extension	Jane Crady – Catholic Charities
Carolyn King – March 2 Recovery	Bob LeGrange – IDHS
Bruce Pfeffer – National Assoc. of Jewish Chaplains	Larry Cassange – IDHS
Mel Swartzentruber – Mennonite Disaster Services	Bert Williams – Salvation Army
Mary Anna Speller – IN/KY Conference of United Church of Christ	Dave Powell – UMCOR
Katie VanSickle – Habitat for Humanity	Brent Read – LDS Emergency Response
Kathy O’Day – March 2 Recovery	Eric Knepper – Gleaners Food Bank
Carl Lamb – Indiana Honor Bound	Derek Trovillion – Office of Faith Based Initiatives
Eldon Studer – Friends Disaster Service	Mary Jones – Marian County COAD
	John Tracy – Feed the Children

Minutes:

Chris Gilbert called to order the Annual Meeting of the Indiana VOAD at 1:04pm.

Minutes from the previous meeting were tabled until the next meeting as they were not distributed to the group in time to review.

Treasurer’s Report: \$54.75 as reported by Bert Williams

Recent Disaster/Weather Events:

- Late December Blizzard
- Middle of January Flooding
 - No real response was needed in either event

Agency Updates:

- **IDHS – Larry Cassange**
 - IDHS has a new executive director, John Hill. No other changes have been made.
 - Because of Hurricane Sandy, there will be an update to the Stafford Act. Larry and Bob will update INVOAD as more information is available.
- **OFBCI – Derek Trovillion**
 - OFBCI has a new executive director, Jeff Cardwell.

- Small in staff right now, including; Jeff Cardwell, Debbie Pidgeon, Derek Trovillion, Holly Brunneler, and Kristin Dimitrich
- **Other Discussion**
 - A brief discussion was held on House Bill 1325 - the allocation of disaster funds from the tax associated with the sale of fireworks in Indiana. Lucinda Nord will share information with everyone regarding what this bill is and the details surrounding the proposed changes. The bill is up for discussion in the House next week (the week of February 18).
 - A subcommittee will be formed to draft a statement on the bill on behalf of INVOAD would be drafted and sent to government officials. The subcommittee will consist of – Lucinda Nord and the Executive Committee. The final one pager will be sent out through the ListServ.

VOAD Members:

- **National Association of Jewish Chaplains – Rabbi Bruce Pfeffer**
 - Following Sandy members received American Red Cross training.
 - The National VOAD meeting, this May in Portland, Oregon, is being held during a Jewish festival therefore Rabbi Pfeffer will be unable to attend.
- **Mennonite Disaster Service**
 - Many ongoing projects throughout the southern states and in New York following Hurricane Sandy.
 - Working in Holton, IN – currently have 3 houses in process with an additional 6 in the planning phases.
- **Gleaners Food Bank – Erik Knepper**
 - Worked with an affiliated food bank in the Northeast in response to Sandy.
- **IN/KY Conference of UCC – Mary Anna Speller**
 - Working in the Holton
- **Habitat for Humanity –Katie VanSickle**
 - Henryville builds are wrapped up. 10 dedications were held in December and families were able to move into their new homes by Christmas.
 - If anyone has summer-time projects within Indiana, please let Habitat know. Volunteers are still looking for work.
- **United Way – Lucinda Nord**
 - Not much new to report
- **LDS – Brent Read**
 - Sent kits to the northeast in response to Sandy
- **Indiana Honor Bound – Carl Lamb**
 - Convoy of Hope has asked Indiana Honor Bound to be a regional deployment center.
 - 23 teams – to date – have been sent into the Henryville area.
- **Friends Disaster Service – Eldon Studer**
 - FDS will be sending another crew to Henryville to help build 5 more homes with Hope Crisis Response Network

- **Catholic Charities – Jane Crady**
 - Nationally the organization is still responding in the northeast.
 - More groups are working in Hadesburg, Alabama following the recent tornadoes.
- **Salvation Army – Bert Williams**
 - New badges are being distributed to Salvation Army – QR Code allows all trainings the individual has received to be viewed.
 - Bert will be out of the office a little more than usual as he is teaching a food handling course.
- **UMCOR – Dave Powell**
 - Volunteers still in the area responding Sandy, and have now adjusted to help respond to the blizzard in the northeast.
- **American Red Cross – Chris Gilbert**
 - Several ARC smartphone apps have been developed and are available in both iPhone and Android app stores. A new Tornado App is coming out March 4 and a new Flood App is being developed with a TBD date for launch.

COAD Updates

- **Marion County COAD**
 - A test was conducted of the emergency notification system for the COAD. Text, voice, and email notifications were received successfully.

Long Term Recovery Updates

- **March2Recovery – Carolyn King**
 - The area is gearing up for a one year celebration. The spiritual and emotional needs committee is helping with several areas in the planning of these events.
 - 3 homes are in the process of being built and 5 more are in the planning phases.
 - Still in need of skilled labor. Many projects are 80% done and need the finishing touches so that cases can be closed.
 - Carolyn provided a handout that has specific numbers and details. The handout can be found at the end of these minutes.
- **Holton Recovery – Jane Crady on behalf of Phillip Deiwert**
 - The 8 homes are standing
 - In need of plumbers
- **Gibson County – Larry Cassagne**
 - There will be a conference call following the VOAD meeting to assess what still needs to be done.

Other Business:

- **Chicago Evacuation Planning**
 - Planning has been underway for a few years.

- Contractor is working to figure out “Shelter Placement”
- If the city of Chicago is to evacuate Indiana will be affected, either by the disaster or the influx of people.
- **National VOAD Meeting**
 - The National VOAD annual meeting for 2013 will be held in Portland, Oregon on May ___-___.
 - The 2014 National VOAD annual meeting will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on May ___-___. The conference will be held at the JW Marriott. We will be soliciting for volunteers to help during the meeting.

Annual Meeting Items:

- **Slate of Officers – Dave Powell and Mary Anna Speller**
 - Mary Anna made a motion to accept the slate for the VOAD Executive Board as:
 - Chris Gilbert
 - Bert Williams
 - Abby Hostetler
 - Eldon Studer
 - Jane Crady
 - Motion carried

Next call will be March 13 at 4:00pm eastern.

Next face-to-face meeting will be April 11 at 1:00pm eastern at American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis, 441 E. 10th Street, Indianapolis, IN.

Rabbi Pfeffer moved that the motion adjourn, seconded by Bert Williams, motion carried at 2:21pm.

The Executive Board met and determined officers to be:

Chris Gilbert – President
Jane Crady – Vice President
Bert Williams – Treasurer
Abby Hostetler – Secretary
Eldon Studer – At-Large

Minutes submitted by INVOAD Secretary, Abby Hostetler.