

ORVOAD General Member Minutes Tuesday, November 17, 2015 Latter Day Saints, Portland, OR

The meeting was preceded by a visit to Deseret Industries and the Bishops Storehouse off of 82nd Avenue.

Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction (1:10 to 1:38)

Robert Worlock, Church of Scientology; Steve Sirkin, Jewish Federation of Greater Portland; Donna Ward, Methodist Church; Tom Hogan, Clackamas COAD*; Wendy Colvin, Mennonite Disaster; Brent Carlson, Church of the Brethren; Mike Johnson, LDS Charities; Alice Busch, Multnomah County Emergency Management; Mike Mathews, Oregon Health Authority; Karen Palmer, Oregon Office of Emergency Management; Joseph Murray, Oregon Military Department of OEM; Sherry Young, Lions Alert; Dave Hillison, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief; Bob Bergan, Habitat International Disaster Corps; Laura Pasco, Adventist Community Services Disaster Response; B.J. Herman, Region 10 for Team Rubicon; Tanner Mullen, Deputy Regional Team Manager Team Rubicon; Kim Pettina, Salvation Army; Dean Alby, Oregon Food Bank; Charlene Larson, Lutheran Disaster Response; Scott Reuter, VOST/ClatsupCo.DOAD.

*<https://youtu.be/Vee9L5dKwoU> **link to video on Molalla Exercise**

Review of Meeting Minutes for September, 2015 and Treasurer's Report

Presently have \$8755.36 in the account. No expenditures the past two months except today National VOAD Dues of \$35. Brought in \$250 in dues during that period.

No corrections to minutes or Treasurer's Report.

There is a motion to accept the Minutes and Treasurers report without correction moved by Tom and seconded by Kim. The motion was passed.

President's Report

Dean thanked everyone for their dues and participation. He emphasized the organizations do the work. Dean described a variety of activities ORVOAD was participating in. He has been receiving calls from COADs developing in the area including Roseburg, Linn Benton, Douglas County, Marion Pulp, and the LTRG in John Day. This places the need for getting documentation together. There are some opportunities for individuals to provide leadership in some of these areas. We have pitifully little in writing. Develop a history, document what we are doing and what is important so we can fill in our website.

Committee Reports

Bylaws, Policies and Procedures – Dean Alby (Liaison)

There are two new positions have been created that have not been filled Business Relations Liaison

and Member at Large. It became clear we have no formal process for filling such vacancies.

Long Term Recovery Groups, COAD and VOAD Development – Charlene Larsen

Has been focusing on Grant County and John Day. Warm Springs and Baker City have made inquiries. The Grant County and John Day immediate response and short-term recovery Mary Weaver at Grant County Fair Grounds. Committee developed procedure for distribution of contributions. Spoke with Judge Scott Myers discussed developing a Long Term Recovery Committee. About 1/3rd of families want to rebuild, others have not or are not planning to rebuild. They have worked with the victims to make sure they get all the benefits they deserve. They are bringing people together to look at how they move forward. They have hired an emergency coordinator for a 12-week period. They are pursuing a grant to fund it for a longer period of time. Charlene asked about the information they had collected to make their decisions. They are considering how to get that information. There is concern about rain, snow, and potential flooding. Trinity Lutheran Church in Dallas, Oregon is available to provide help once they know what is needed.

Other issues regarding COAD and VOAD development need assistance in doing reach out to organizations forming now. The same occurs in long-term recovery. She is reaching out to Lutheran Recovery for webinar training.

Joseph Murray noted there are a lot of people working on the issue of potential flooding or mudflows. Grant County has hired an engineer for this purpose.

Dean wants this information on our website for easy reference. He referred to a number of approaches taken in Grant County as being effective for the county but may not be what is considered “best practices,” with emphasis on best practices being incorporated in the information ORVOAD shares. Steve Sirkin suggested the sample “best practices” exists elsewhere and there are many. It is better to link to possible options rather than trying to sort through a huge number of them. Alice Busch suggested sitting down with the government to have some of this provided. Dean needs someone to inhabit a group along with Charlene to begin finding those documents and bringing them in a systematic way. Alice also pointed out that we

Email Charlene if interesting in assisting.

Membership Committee – Brent Carlson

There are major organizations in the state, which would be active in a disaster who are presently not in ORVOAD. This is where the Business Relations Liaison is essential. There are 54 members in the National VOAD. Roughly 15 of the 54 are at this meeting. We need to be following up with the organizations to assure they have representation. It is valuable to have meetings that are worthwhile either in terms of topics or locations. Alice asked how we were defining local COADs. She described how a huge number of groups could be members and meet under other umbrellas and topics. As pull COADs in Dean described a process of inform, educate and test. Alice will help.

Nominating Committee – Tom Hogan

They proposed a slate at the annual election in May. The new bylaws call for the lengthening of the process. Tom, Dick Robb, and Dan Moseler constitute the committee. Kim is the liaison. He referred to the two new positions. A copy of their report was submitted. The election of the positions can be deferred to the annual election in May. There is a need to develop the duties for the positions. There is an option of a special election, which could be on December 18th if the decision to move forward was made today but more likely in January. There are issues of the length of terms if there is a special

election.

Dean moved to go with option 1, to defer to the normal process in May for the two new positions. Steve Sirkin seconded. The motion passed.

The slate in May will include staggered terms.

Communications Committee – Scott Reuter

Scott just got back from Columbia, SC for FEMA. Everyone should feel good we are not the most behind communications wise. We have Facebook, Twitter, and Visual Link Website. While South Carolina had all those sites, they had never used them. Actually a member of the FEMA Corps was running those accounts. Scott indicated we have to be involved in Cascadia Rising.

Strategic Plan Committee - Dewayne Hatcher

The plan is 99% done which will go to the Leadership Team, which will vote on its acceptance and then be shared with the general membership.

Sherry Young, Joseph Murray, Wendy Colvin, and Mike Johnson all offered to assist on the Long Term Recovery Committee.

Committee Break-out Session (Identify a committee you are interested in and develop a short statement of purpose and at least one deliverable for this year).

This segment was cancelled.

Member Spot Light – Michael Johnson, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Closing remarks

Dean commented that when the Roseburg Community College shooting incident happened he had noted not to respond until requested. There is a process, we don't jump the process and respond as an organization.

We will occupy a place at the table during Cascadia rising. Steve asked as to whether we respond to an event like Paris. Dean noted that we had responded in Roseburg, which was domestic terrorism. Alice indicated exercises, like Cascadia Rising, should result in you having a number of things to be pursuing as a result of the experience. Inform leaders of your groups you are going to participate and find a place you will participate.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Next ORVOAD Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19th. OEM will host the meeting.