

# Oregon VOAD Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2016



## **Attendance:**

Eric Cummings, Faith Leadership Forum; Laura Pasco, Adventist Community Services; Robert Worlock, Church of Scientology; Jay De Boer, World Renew; Dick Raub, Episcopal Diocese of Oregon; , Steve Sirkin, Jewish Federation of Greater Portland; Tom Hogan, Clackamas County COAD; Mike Johnson, LDS Charities; Karen Parmelee, Oregon Emergency Management; Joseph Murray, Oregon Emergency Management; Wendy Colvin, Mennonite Disaster Service, Dean Alby Oregon Food Bank.

Dean welcomed everyone and discussed preparedness, having a kit in the car.

## **Review Meeting Minutes for July 19, 2016 and Treasurer's Report**

The present account balance is \$ 6,853.02. We brought in donations of \$1,600 plus a gift card for a roofing project. The roofing project for the Tangent response cost about half what we had expected so the donation made by the homeowner's family will be returned and the rest of the unspent donations will go into a special LTRG fund within the ORVOAD bank account.

Dick moved, Robert seconded approving both reports.

## **Partner Spot Light – Laura Pasco, Adventist Community Services**

The national Adventist Disaster Conference was held here last week. They have been active in Louisiana and West Virginia. Laura described a mass care exercise that took place in Missouri also Iowa and Kansas were involved. Dean discussed Mass Care including Michael Whitehead who is with Red Cross and perhaps the best source of insights into that area.

## **Training Opportunities and Discussion**

Dean encouraged each individual to attend at least two trainings a year. See his weekly emails for details. There are some links on the website. A question came up relative to non-denominational churches that do not have a national entity. Dean indicated they work through the local COAD.

## **Committee Reports**

- Bylaws, Policies and Procedures – Dean Alby
- Long Term Recovery Groups, COAD and VOAD Development – Charlene Larsen
- Membership Committee – Brent Carlson
- Communications Committee – Scott Reuter/Robert Worlock

**Current ORVOAD response (Tillamook, Columbia and Curry Counties) – Dean and Charlene**

Grant County – Canyon Creek Complex Fire 2015, 40 homes destroyed

Linn/Benton – winter storm damage single roof project.

Columbia County – winter storm damage, single home

Curry County – winter storm damage, single home, vet.

Tillamook County – winter storm damage, single home, vet.

Dean related the Tangent Project where a roof blew off a mobile home. The women did not have the resources to replace it. The referral came from Marion County who deferred it to Linn/Benton because of the location of the home. Mike Johnson was involved in the well project in Sweet Home and then the Tangent project. He lives in Salem. The client had worked for Red Cross in the past. John Colvin provided the technical insights and follow through. There was cooperation with local organizations. Six highly unskilled and four skilled individuals stripped it off in one morning and the roofing was put on the next morning. Assistance came from Parr Lumber, Republic, Lowe's, Church of the Brethren, Lutheran Disaster Response, Thrivent and, perhaps, a few others. Dean noted how important Mike's assistance was in this project. Mike also thanked all the donors. Mike was asked to create a checklist of the ways he reached out for assistance. Since ORVOAD is not a non-profit contributions need to go through entities that are non-profit. We could consider getting a 501-c-3 status. It was noted that after this was done John was off to Idaho for a similar project.

Dean focused on the single home in Columbia County that had winter storm damage. We were asked to look at this to see what we can provide for the homeowner if anything. They did receive some funds from public assistance. They are requesting some storm water mitigation. There is a need to take a look at it and find individuals with skills to check this. Les Miller is a possibility. Charlene raised a liability concern should a mitigation effort fail.

There is a similar issue in Curry County. Home on property they are farming on owned by a 100% disabled vet. The foundation of their home has been undercut. There is a \$60,000 estimate from a private foundation company. They have been pursuing help with Veterans Services. The first step will be getting an assessment.

Some of the homes in Grant County are being rebuilt. A number of families are still considering. The last of the funds have been distributed. There are flood mitigation projects being pursued. They are looking ahead to the total eclipse where they will have a potential for a large number of visitors.

House on a hill where the garage is undercut because the hill is made of sand and there is erosion. The home needs to be removed.

### **Oregon VOAD Annual Luncheon – Tom Hogan**

The next meeting will be November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Mennonite Church in Aurora at 6711 S. Lone Elder Road, 97002. They are working on a speaker and awards. There will be a cost factor. The awards would be similar to last year, based on national awards and adjusted for the local. Nomination forms will be going out around October 15<sup>th</sup>. They need two more members of the committee. Robert Worlock and Brent will be on the committee along with Dean, Wendy, and Tom. It will start at 11 a.m.

## **Emergency Preparedness Leadership Forum**

Eric Cummings, Director of Faith Leadership Conference, discussed a forum that is coming. November 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a faith leadership conference. He noted the speakers who are coming in. The November 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday session will be \$99 a person. Will be yearly but this is the start of a national footprint. Information can be found at [Eplf.us](http://Eplf.us).

## **Organizational Highlights – Membership Roundtable**

- Charlene noted in October going to Chicago for a meeting with counterparts from the Lutheran Disaster Response. She will be attending a Ford Family Foundation event, which may open up some foundation money. The Lutheran Disaster Response in the western U.S. will be gathering for a conference call among Oregon, Washington and Idaho.
- Laura described the 14,000 people who attended the Adventist event in July. She will be attending FEMA training in Spokane.
- Robert is taking the training as well. Is letting his congregation know about his involvement in these organizations.
- Dick is putting out disaster response materials to his parishes.
- Steve is in touch with the JFOGP for direction as to what resources are available to support ORVOAD.
- Tom asked Dean to describe what the Clackamas COAD is doing an exercise in October on Volunteer Management, it is their annual topic. After that will decide what they are doing next year. Tom is using that with Gladstone. Several churches will respond to receive the training from the Red Cross.
- Mike noted Home Depot is generous but mostly for veterans.
- Brent noted the Church of the Brethren is involved on a number of rebuilding's around the country. There is also special trained childcare they do in disasters. It will be in Seattle. He observed that some of the member groups have not been coming because the volunteers have moved on and have not been replaced. Follow up with these groups is requested.
- Karen noted Shake Out is on October 20<sup>th</sup> on 10:20 a.m. You can do the drill on other days, perhaps at services. Tsunami readiness programs are being pursued. In October ESF trainings will be taking place looking past the initial phase of Cascadia.
- Wendy described they are involved in several places across the nation. One is the Trident, which was a major event, and they had a storm in July that created reflooding. The city of Detroit has funded a study to fix the problem. It is a high crime area where trades are unwilling to come in. They are in the south. In our region they have one in Saipan. John is in Idaho he'll be back on October 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be efforts in California.
- Dean noted we have been invited to participate in the OERS Council, one of three volunteer groups being asked to participate. He will be presenting at the OEMA Conference at Glenden Beach.

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Karen shared a "Request for Assistance for Unknown Resource" flow chart.

3:46 – **Adjourn.**