

Tuesday, May 22nd, 2007

VOAD Meeting notes:

Dee Smith, Salvation Army

Good Morning, the meeting might have been set for 9:30 so there will be late comers

Darla Hesse Vice Chair with Salvation Army

“Its time to hand this over to the locals.”

- On the ksvoad.org, minutes for the previous meetings and contact lists of other organizations are listed.

Some of the contacts are national organizations and some are local. However, some of the national teams will be sending some local folks to help with the long term recovery (LTR)

- On the national VOAD website nvoad.org

The website contains some tools for a long term recovery plan (i.e. LTR Manual)

There are two local contacts, Cheri and Bob Baer that have aided with disaster response and long term recovery for many years. They can help answer questions for those who might be needing a local resource.

- The Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC) will need key individuals. Such as, a treasurer and other groups that have a central focus on the LTR. It was suggested that the Pastor from Friends church has offered to be the treasurer, but need to verify.

Kathleen Blair & Larry Bassett:

Local leaders that are Co-Chairman for the LTRC

Kathleen, Co-Chairman of the committee also the Pastor of Wellsford Church

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Prayer

Brief report from all the agencies:

- The Salvation Army (TSA), Dee Smith: Divisional disaster director
TSA has been helping with mobile feeding, case work services in gym of Barclay College

Jose Gonzalez: The Salvation Army

Duration: will be here for a long term. TSA plans to have someone in Greensburg for the long term recovery. Dee Smith will be available if needed for meetings.

- Kansas Food Bank: Bryan Walker

They have been helping to divert some of the donations to Wichita to keep from getting overwhelmed. They will be available for the future long term needs and supply food for as long as it takes. In addition to, rakes and wheelbarrels are being sent down from Kansas City.

➤ American Red Cross (ARC): Darla Hesse

ARC has opened a 1,000 cases of clean-up. They are trying to wind down the major operation and will continue to direct people to TSA. They will be stationed here in Haviland but only for maybe another week. They have been encouraging people to go to their local chapter in Pratt.

A local person will be coming in, Recovery, Planning and Assistance, (RP&A). That will provide money for long term needs and the ARC will be part of these resources. These resources are not always cash, they have case workers and it depends on the group and their needs. RP&A will be handed off to a local person but they don't know who it is yet. ARC chapter in Pratt will be the main contact for anyone with questions, Donna Meyer.

Donna Meyer: 620-672-3651

Donna will focus on the entire planning but someone else will be here for just the LTR. The physical presence of ARC will be housed in Pratt office, the same person will be available for meetings and will be assigned specifically to aid in the LTR with the disaster via the Pratt office.

ARC Goals: to help the local businesses get back into business. They want to help the local economy by helping the businesses they don't want to feed the contractors.

➤ Hope Crisis Response Network, HCRN Jeff Fater Cell Phone 419-551-2125 For more information visit www.HCRN.info

They are making a 2 year commitment to the recovery. Currently they are building housing and getting trailers for the families.

HCRN needs to know where they can put the units, a site?

- The housing will be used for the volunteers. They have volunteers committed to coming for 10 weeks.
- They have been coordinating with a Pastor Jeff Turner at the First Missionary Church from Dodge City. They are not affiliated with the church but they have had prior relations with the church. HCRN has been a disaster response team for the Church in the past.
- The housing units will arrive the last week of July.
- They will be focusing on rebuilding mainly the uninsured or severely under insured families.
- Several items have been donated (i.e. sprung huts) to house materials. One of the sprung huts will house a the temporary library until another one can be built.
- They have donors that are supplying for the building supplies and they are getting some more.

Free Church of America: Randy Holfield,
Representing churches in Nebraska, Missouri & Kansas

They represent a combination of Free Churches.

- Mark Lewis is the main contact for the Free Church. He is the director of the crisis response.
 - Mark Lewis 717-439-3138 Email: mark.lewis@efca.org
- They are engaged in the LTR, rebuilding and assessment of needs.

Tom Kluge: First EFC

Randy Littlefield, EFCA Midwest District

- Lucille Way & Larry Bassett: Pastor of Mullinville UMC. Co-Chairman of the committee.
 - His goal is to “Keep everyone communicating.” Not too many volunteers have made it over to Mullinville. The United Methodist Church has an active distribution center. They have an array of items that can be picked up and taken to Wichita to be allocated to other organizations.
 - With respect to denominations and clergy especially the Greensburg clergy, there are some worries. Clergy are asking for other denominations to be sensitive about the residents and the congregations. Greensburg is a small town and the churches enjoy their congregations and ask for other faith based groups that were not present earlier to be sensitive about the congregations. Larry Bassett and Kathleen Blair are joint chairmen because they were asked, he does not officially represent the UMC. Bob Baer and Cherrie Baer represent the UMC disaster response.

Contact Information for Larry Bassett: Office: 620-548-2585 Cell: 620-635-5255

Home: 620-548-2239 PLEASE DO NOT PASS OUT HIS HOME NUMBER

Email Personal: larryisall@yahoo.com

- Light House Worship & Assemblies of God: Christy Zapfe, Pastor at Assembly of God
 - The Assemblies of God asked her to step in and help with the disaster.
 - Currently she is coordinating with a potpourri of organizations that are dedicated to aiding in the disaster clean-up.
- United Methodist Committee (UMC) and Church World Service: Bob Baer and Cherri Baer
 - The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) will be present for the long term recovery (LTR).
 - They are covering the state of Kansas and have contacts in other parts of the state where flooding and wind damage occurred.
 - They will be traveling to Topeka and Lawrence to find out more information about the flooding.

Cherri Baer:

- Will obtain a seed grant as soon as the LTRC is up and going. They can provide materials but not right now.

The Baers' live in Kansas and will be here very often helping and answering questions.

- Friends Church: Edward Jance

- LTR Goals are to help host the Friends Disaster Service to participate in rebuilding.
- The Friends Church will try to work with the LTRC and plug in resources when needed.

- Resident: Jon Folkerts
 - Lives just north of town and has been helping repair heating and cooling units for other residents and has volunteered his time and resources to help out in the disaster.

- Victim Relief: Tim Cample
 - From Dallas, TX and they were invited in by TSA. Victim Relief they work with case management and they sent people to canteens. They have a trailer for emotional and spiritual care for those who need it. They have professional counseling and they are here to support and restore. Only wanting to provide assistance.
 - Duration a few more weeks.

- UMCOR: Paul Burger
 - Trailer with hot food in Greensburg located in the parking lot of the Methodist Church. Eating times: Breakfast whenever someone stops in the morning Lunch, 11:30-2:00 p.m. Dinner, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
 - A shower trailer will help house volunteers out of Mullinville
 - Signing the volunteers to help in the clean-up.
 - They are doing casework.
 - They will be present for the LTR.
 - They have lots of bottled water.
 - Large water tank available to anyone needing it for large quantities of water. VERY IMPORTANT: open the top when you get water and remember to close the lid. Orphan Grain Train has loaned the water tank

- AmeriCorps St. Louis: Bruce Bailey
 - Offering assistance to residents and coordinating the affiliated and unaffiliated volunteers to assist in the clean-up.
 - Registration for all volunteers is located underneath the red and white circus tent in Greensburg Davis Park.
 - Providing work gloves and masks to residents and volunteers.
 - Residents needing assistance are asked to fill out a “Work Request” form that assesses their needs and asks for residents to describe what actions need to be taken to fulfill their request.
 - Assigning both affiliated and unaffiliated volunteers to the work sites to assist in the debris removal.
 - ACSTL does need more heavy equipment and diesel to help fuel the heavy equipment.

- Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR): Pastor of Saint Paul's, Dave Fulton
 - He is the State wide chair of LDR.
 - Currently a staff person is here for family services and dealing with LTRC
 - Would like to be up close and personal with unmet needs committee.
 - They can mobilize the Air Force to help and mobilize other organizations to meet the needs of residents.
 - He has personal contacts with the AirForce.

Cell 316-516-7477 email pastordave.fulton@gmail.com

- South Central Community Foundation: Denise Unruh
 - The office is located in Pratt and they started the future fund for Greensburg, only for rebuilding.
 - They have asked donors to designate to education, healthcare and rebuilding. They are at \$ 2,000 mark and will coordinate with the distribution of funds.
 - They are meeting with a media agency to keep the message out and continue to stir the interest of possible donors to aid in the clean-up.
 - Mainly targeting their focus on rebuilding the infrastructure not individual family needs.

Contact: 620-672-7929 Email: denise@southcentralcommunityfoundation.com

- Samaritan's Purse: Wendell Capps
 - Assisting the debris clean-up will be closing up and going back tomorrow (5/23/2007).

FEMA: Mary Richards

- Response and coordinate the mobile feedings.
- Challenges

One of them, the water tank was set by military for the feeding and preparing food by the courthouse is now going to be pulled out. They need another water tank.

It will be brought up in the 4 o'clock meeting today. Also, last night they mentioned the issue of the water tank and the matter will be resolved by today (5/22/2007). The water tank is essential to maintain the feedings for volunteers and workers.

- Good news, people's bank will be hosting the annual picnic on Thursday 5/24/2007 from 11:00-1:00 p.m. and will be set up outside the volunteer tent (red and white circus tent in Davis park)
- There is group of barbecue competitors and she needs to know where to send them. Friday they will start cooking for Saturday and will need to see where to put them. Talk about how this will affect the feeding mission of other organizations.

There are conference calls (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) about the feeding of residents, workers and volunteers.

Cell phone 703-254-9277

- She travels between two areas. They do a situation report to headquarters every other day and would like to know the status of the recovery efforts from all the

organizations. These figures and stories will be reported in the situation report and sent to the state office.

FEMA Contact in Wichita, Brooks MacRoberts

202-2515-4635 email > brooks.macroberts@dhs.gov

Confidentiality forms have to be signed before sharing information.

- Church of the Brethren Disaster Response: Bill Winter
 - They were helping provide child care but they seem to have had low numbers of children and the child care was shut down.
 - They will be here for the as long as their services are needed in the relief efforts.
 - Contact: 316-412-9748
 - Bill is centrally located in Wichita.

- Church of Scientology: Al Adriance
 - They have the supply tent.
 - They plan to stay as long as the need is present (at least a couple of weeks if not longer)
 - Provide a wide variety of resources to the residents, workers and volunteers.
 - Have been running the FEMA ice trailer
 - Assisting those individuals that have been fatigued. They would like to train the other organizations in the assists. They can train people to do these assists. Invited anyone who wants to know how to do these.

UPCOMING WEEKEND

- The red and white tent was brought in for a worship service two weeks ago but it will remain in Davis Park for at least one month. To make reservations in the red and white tent please call Larry Bassett.
- This weekend there will be a lot of volunteers coming in to help.
- Saturday, the Greensburg Graduates and alumni will be meeting at the tent beginning at 8 a.m.
 - The traffic control to come into town will be rethought. The patrol at both check points are concerned mainly with safety and trying to keep everyone safe. This Saturday will be an issue but it is being discussed.
 - Sunday there will be a Memorial Day service but it has not been confirmed. The VFW might be in charge of the Memorial Service. Safety is an issue for both Saturday and Sunday.
 - There is a rodeo, FREE rodeo on Friday and Saturday.

As you send volunteers out please remember to hydrate and provide food for the volunteers. Plan ahead and keep volunteers well supplied.

QUESTIONS???

- ✓ Registration and identification?

ACSTL is registering volunteers under the red and white tent in Davis park. Volunteers fill out a paper listing their resources, skills and equipment. Then they are sent to a work site and given a wrist band that identifies them as a volunteer.

✓ Farm Field Clean-up?

Tim Morris: Accepted the Responsibility of cleaning up the debris in the fields and this coming Sunday around 2 p.m. a group will be beginning the clean-up.

Contact: 620-549-6433

Emergency Management: 50 farms Michelle Huston cell 620-797-0337 meet the team at a designated spot and give exact directions. This is only for Stafford county.

CHALLENGES:

Need for storage of furniture:

There was a call from ADF to Friends Church that offered to bring 2 28 foot trailers for anyone who would want to store their personal items. They are older trailers that can be used anyone and if there is a need then Pastor from Friends Church will call him.

Kathleen Blair would like to contact him in order to arrange for the storage units to used. He will pull them down and leave them. Ask him for at least 6 mo.

Contact: ADF, Keith Lewis

Orphan Grain Train

Grain trailers 48 8x8 for storage. They need space preferable in Greensburg. Ray Welkey is the contact and has offered for LTR.

Temporary Housing for Volunteers:

FEMA will check in on the base camp and see if they can stay there.

Mullinville UMC will house volunteers and here in Haviland. But feel free to call and ask they might be full but maybe they can help.

Building Permits the procedure:

In the meeting last night this matter was discussed. Before going to arrange for building permit be sure that everything is in a row, everyone has checked the place out. The city is discussing zoning and the highway moving. Roofing and building questions can be directed to Kristy Pit out of Steve Hewits' office. She is being trained on the permits.

But first go to city hall by the courthouse.

620-723-2751 info.

Every day 1610 AM radio station transmits information for residents, workers and organizations. Please contact the radio station if they are transmitting an error or incorrect information. Also, workers and organizations can ask for the daily update as you come into Greensburg.

OR

Go to: greensburgks.blogspot.com OR www.accesskansas.org/ksadjutantgeneral

The Weather:

Please check about the volunteers coming in to town tomorrow, Wednesday. If the weather is bad, volunteers will not be allowed into the city. Please check tonight before sending volunteers to the ACSTL volunteer staging in the red and white circus tent.

LTRC Needs to be formed:

Some of the concerns are that people have money in their pockets and they don't want money spent on things that they don't really need. The donated goods need to be utilized and there needs to be an intake system.

The first meeting will be held on, Friday May 25th, 9:00 a.m to discuss the intake system and the role of the LTRC.

If the meeting can not be held here then it will be posted on the door for everyone to see.

LTRC: if for those people that can be here for a long time. Come to the meeting and talk about the long term efforts. Disaster response, cleaning and feeding it may not be the meeting for your organization.

Does it help to come to the meeting without an agenda or form for the LTR organizations?

FEMA will bring a form that each organization can fill out and have available for each organization. Organizations will hopefully have bi-laws and mission statement that clearly states their purpose and how they will aid in the relief efforts. A form can be filled out that helps everyone see what needs to be done, who has what and where the resources can be allocated.