

GOLDENBELT DISASTER RECOVERY COMMITTEE

August 1, 2007

First United Methodist Church

Great Bend, Ks

New agency present, Tandra Carlidge Goodwill store #30

Other present: Andra Tracy, Garry Dassow, Vernon Maelzer, Richard Heaton, Susie Calvert, Jerry Harfoot, Gary Brooks, Wayne Flanders, Amy Miller and Mary Lou Warren.

Rev. Maelzer opened the meeting with a prayer. Each participant introduced themselves. Jerry Harfoot, FEMA has visited with representatives in Ellsworth County and they want to be part of the committee. Kenny Barnard is the part time Emergency Preparedness staff in Ellsworth County.

Susie Calvert had made some contacts in Reno County. The flooding was in a low-income area with about 328 cases and an approval rate of 139 houses. It was the consensus of the group to accept Reno County if they are willing to come to the table and attend meetings in Great Bend. Jerry and Susie will make more contacts and encourage them to attend.

Reno County was added to the Mission statement.

The minutes were amended to delete Applicants must be turned down for a loan, because they have no resources to repay a loan or have bad credit before they are eligible for a grant. Replace with “Applicants for FEMA assistance must be turned down for a loan before they are eligible for a grant.” Minutes were approved as amended.

Garry Dassow moved that the name of the group be Golden Belt Disaster Recovery Committee. Seconded and passed.

Susie passed around a flyer regarding the training scheduled for August 15. Mary Lou will send to members of the Association of Churches, Wayne will distribute in Hoisington and Vernon in Ellinwood. Mary Lou will include this information in her Sunday column and ask for volunteer caseworkers and labor.

Caseworkers were discussed. Richard Heaton will coordinate the caseworkers and make sure paper work is complete before cases are brought before the committee.

Forms were discussed and it was moved by Wayne, seconded and carried that the forms from the VOAD web site be used with the exception of the release form. The form used by the Hoisington Recovery Committee will be used as a release form.

Richard Heaton moved that the by-laws be accepted with the name and Spring/Summer 2007 storms being included. Motion was seconded and carried.

Next meeting will be the August 15 training with another meeting to be held August 22.

Training is August 15 from 9 until 3:00 at First United Methodist Church. Refreshments and lunch will be provided for a small fee.

If you plan to be there, please e-mail Mary Lou Warren at marylou12@cox.net or reply to this e-mail.

The Training includes 8 specialized Training components for Long Term Recovery Organizing.

Break-out sessions include:

1. Administration, Financing and Strategic Planning
2. Staffing and Equipping & Committees
3. Managing Cases DRD, DAN, Criteria for assistance
4. Managing Volunteers
5. Rebuilding 101
6. Issues facing clients: Legal, Behavioral Health, Disabilities.

You will receive: Manuals, Tools and Disaster Resources and experiences to use immediately.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 pm