

Minutes

Regular Monthly Meeting of Dallas County VOAD

January 11, 2012

Meeting Host/Location: Red Cross – Dallas Chapter

Meeting attendees:

Monique Monroe, Adventist Community Services**
Marty Nerren, American Red Cross – Dallas Area Chapter**
Jerry Jones, Dallas County REACT, Inc.**
Ronald Patterson, Search One Rescue**
Nikki Beneke, Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA south Central Regional Office**/NTLTRC
Gordon Foote, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**
Lisa Tatum, The Volunteer Center of North Texas**
Edward Smith, Victim Relief Ministries
Jess Wade, Dallas County Medical Reserve Corps
Mike Burwell, Fellowship Church**
Rev. Marji Bishir, United Methodist Church – North Texas Conference**
Cassandra Wallace, City of Dallas – OEM
Erika Roberts, American Red Cross – Chisholm Trail Chapter
Mike Wang, Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation
Roxanne Green, Catholic Charities of Dallas, Inc.
Mike Fleisher, Jewish Family Service of Greater Dallas**
Sean P. Gray, North Texas Food Bank
Phyllis Freeman, World Vision North Texas **
Tonya Hunter, City of Grand Prairie – OEM**

Gail Wallace, Collin County COAD (Guest)

**Indicates Authorized Member Organization Representative (AMOR) for this Meeting

Meeting:

Meeting called to order by President Marty Nerren at 11:43 a.m. A quorum was present.

Review of emergency procedures at the meeting's Red Cross facility.

Introduction of attendees.

Secretary Gordon Foote passed out meeting notes from the November 2011 and December 2011 general business meetings to be reviewed by partner members, and after motion made and seconded were approved by unanimous consent of partner members.

Mr. Jerry Jones, Communications Committee Chair, presented a status update on the migration of the Dallas County VOAD website, and the technical nature of the new platform. He is looking for volunteers to assist with the development, update and maintenance of the Dallas County VOAD website. Please contact Mr. Jones directly with suggestions on individuals that can assist with the Dallas County VOAD website and/or would like to be part of the Communications Committee. Mr. Nerren voiced support for the advancement of the website and the work performed by Mr. Jones. Ms. Nikki Beneke indicated a desire to send out a test email to try and identify and solve current list serve problems. Mr. Jones asked about interest in text messaging as a method of mass communication within the Dallas County VOAD. As a result of interest so indicated, Mr. Jones will review options to establish database of cell numbers to receive Dallas County VOAD texts.

Mr. Nerren reviewed the voting process for the 2012-2014 officers. Ms. Beneke, the Membership Committee Chairperson, was asked to identify two partner members that are not eligible to vote as a result of failure to provide the requested membership documentation. Mr. Nerren appointed Ms. Beneke as Chairperson of Tellers, and Mr. Jones as Teller. Mr. Nerren provided the membership with an overview of the pending election process, usage of the printed ballots, the new method of voting with the usage of the voting booth at the back of the room, and an overview of the role and responsibility of the tellers and the tellers' report. Mr. Nerren suspended the meeting in order to conduct the officer election, and turn the election over to the tellers to conduct the election. The tellers directed the election process, verified the correct number of ballots received and retired to count the ballots and verify the results. Chairperson of Tellers, Ms. Beneke, reviewed and presented the tellers' report on the election results. Mr. Nerren was elected President and Mr. Foote was elected Secretary, both by acclamation (unopposed). Results of the Vice-President election were: Mike Burwell (Fellowship Church) 11 votes; Edward Smith (Victim Relief Ministries) 3 votes. Mike Burwell was elected the new Vice-President of Dallas County VOAD. The 2012-2014 Executive Officers of Dallas County VOAD are:

President	Marty Nerren
Vice President	Mike Burwell
Secretary	Gordon Foote

During open floor periods of the meeting, Mr. Nerren opened the floor for general discussion:

Rev. Marji Bishir, of the United Methodist Church, reported on current "home safe, sanitary and secure" training initiatives;

Jess Wade, Dallas County Medical Reserve Corps spoke of upcoming training (April 28, 2012) for those desiring to participate in the medical reserve corp, in anticipation of possible mass evacuations from the gulf coast. If you have an interest, please contact Jess Wade directly and also visit www.Metroplexvolunteers.com;

Mr. Nerren raised the issue of having different organizations host the Dallas County VOAD general business meetings during calendar year 2012, and reported that Erika

Roberts of the American Red Cross has been elected as the new Tarrant County VOAD president;

Ms. Beneke provided information on the Dallas County VOAD Member Resources Matrix she is working on for the Dallas County VOAD; and

Gail Wallace reported that elections were completed at Collin County COAD, and that she has been elected President, Beverly Martin (of the American Red Cross) was elected President Elect, and Phyllis Freeman (of World Vision North Texas) was elected Secretary.

Pres. Nerren adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Foote, Secretary