

## Minutes

### Regular Monthly Meeting of Dallas County VOAD

December 14, 2011

**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.\*\*

Paul Lake, 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 Corp

Mike Burwell, Fellowship Church\*\*

Jacory Rush, Community Council of Dallas and 211

LaShandra Denson, Community Council of Dallas and 211\*\*

Rev. Marji Bishir, United Methodist Church – North Texas Conference\*\*

Cassandra Wallace, City of Dallas – OEM

Elaine Patie, City of Dallas – OEM

Erika Roberts, American Red Cross – Chisholm Trail Chapter

Gail Wallace, Collin County COAD (Guest)

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

**Meeting:**

Meeting called to order by President Marty Nerren 11:37 a.m. A quorum was present.

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

Introduction of attendees.

Meeting notes from the November general business not reviewed at this time. Motion made, seconded and approved to review and approve November's notes at the January 11, 2012 general business meeting.

Mr. Nerren reviewed the process of nominating and electing officers for Dallas County VOAD for the term of office January 2012 to January 2014, and noted that this is the last meeting to nominate individuals for the election to serve this term. Mr. Nerren then explained the voting

process that will take place at the January general business meeting. Mr. Nerren indicated that both Mr. Fleisher and Mr. Gresso have declined their prior officer nominations. Ms. Nikki Beneke was nominated for Vice-President and the nomination was seconded. Ms. Beneke declined the nomination. An aggregate list of nominations and related information is below. Both Mr. Smith and Mr. Burwell gave a brief explanation of their respective organization's work and programs.

Ms. Nikki Beneke, Membership Committee Chair, reviewed partner member Membership Applications received and fielded questions from attendees. It was confirmed that any partner organization that has not submitted its completed Membership Application before the January meeting will become a non-voting member until its Membership Application is properly completed and submitted.

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. The new site is up and functional, but is a work in progress. Mr. Jones suggested moving the website from the drupal platform to the WordPress platform to facilitate ease of use and management. Aidmatrix expressed support for this move. Mr. Nerren would like to vet this option with the executive committee before action is taken. Discussion was had on how Dallas County VOAD can use its website to drive traffic to members' websites.

Floor opened for general discussion:

Mr. Nerren would like to promote Dallas County VOAD and prepare and host an emergency manager/management meeting for Dallas County emergency managers in 2012 to learn more about the organizations within the Dallas County VOAD. This is a way to promote Dallas County VOAD and its membership. Mr. Nerren would also like to host an event where we can address a specific disaster, an event where we can bring our organizations' leadership / fundraising representatives. Ms. Beneke suggested that Dallas County VOAD consider a public service announcement that could be used to demonstrate how the membership works together in disaster. She has a copy of the PSA she used previously as President of Texas VOAD and will bring it to an upcoming meeting. The membership is interested in this.

Ms. Beneke has been told that certain individuals are still not getting list serve emails and asked the membership to let her know if they are not receiving the emails: Jess Wade; Monique Monroe, Rev. Marji Bishir, and LaShandra Denson mentioned that they continue to have this problem. Ms. Beneke will follow up with NCTCOG to help resolve this issue and check to see if they are receiving bounce backs from the list serve accounts.

Paul Lake from Search One Rescue has a friend that is willing to host the Dallas County VOAD website. He will contact Jerry offline to pass along that information.

Motion made and seconded to close officer nominations.

Pres. Nerren adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gordon Foote, Secretary

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Officer nominees made by proper motion and seconded:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominator/Second</u>	<u>Accepted/Declined</u>
Marty Nerren	President	(Jerry Jones/Edward Smith)	Accepted
Nikki Beneke	Vice President	(Marty Nerren/Mike Burwell)	Declined
Mike Burwell	Vice President	(Jess Wade/Gordon Foote)	Accepted
Michael Fleisher	Vice President	(Marty Nerren/Gordon Foote)	Declined
Bill Gresso	Vice President	(Marty Nerren/Ronald Patterson)	Declined
Edward Smith	Vice President	(Rev. Marji Bishir/Monique Monroe)	Accepted
Gordon T. Foote II	Secretary	(Mike Burwell/Jerry Jones)	Accepted