

CTX VOAD MEETING
October 10, 2013

The regular meeting of the Central Texas VOAD was held on October 10, 2013, at the Austin offices of United Way.

Attending were: Nathan Kinsma with ACE, Joe Canfield and Roger Wines with ARES, Toni Silver, Kay Kieke and Nora Dreeple with American Red Cross, Kara Prior with Capital Area Food Bank, Sara Ramirez with Catholic Charities of Central Texas, Cathy Norman with Church of Scientology, Kevin Christiansen with LDS Church, Betty Learned with HAND, Joe Hillis with Information Technology Disaster Resource, Chris Bugbee with One Star Foundation, Donald Wrayitoo with React, Anita Strychalski and Ron Janke with Shoreline Church, Kimberly Lyle with Texas Association of Regional Councils and Texas Citizen, Dennis Barnes with Texas Baptist Men/Region 21, Megan Helton with American Youthworks, Anna Tangredi with TDEM, Michelle Acevedo and David Stone with TEXSAR, Heather Michel Riddle with the Round Rock Volunteer Center, Jiann Ping Loh with Tzu Chi Foundation, Emmett Eary with UNCOR, Nikki Krueger and Natasha Rosofsky with United Way – 211, and Bill Degnan with VMER.

David Stone chaired the meeting and gave a welcome. Introductions were made of those present.

The minutes of the meeting of August 8, 2013 were accepted.

Presentation:

Anna Tangredi of the Texas Department of Emergency Management gave a very informative presentation, “Disaster 101 – an Overview of Disaster Response and Recovery in Texas.” Anna covered information about her own position with the Texas Division of Emergency Management and her role in disaster, general information about the phases of disaster, an overview about the processes leading up to disaster declarations and governmental assistance and types of assistance available, and tips for dealing with disaster.

Committee Reports:

Education:

Chair Anna Tangredi gave the presentation on Disaster 101. She also announced the 4th Annual Texas Unites Conference.

Membership:

Chair Anita Strychalski reminded people to please sign the VOAD Code of Conduct on behalf of their organization.

Communications:

Chair Toni Silver asked everyone to please make sure that your information on the sign in list is legible because this gets your e-mail into the address book.

Anita announced that Shoreline Church is willing to fund a social media presence for Central Texas VOAD, including Facebook page and twitter account. The twitter account name is @centexvoad.

Chris Bugbee at Onestar foundation has received approval to fund and take on the management of the Central Texas VOAD website.

LTRC:

Betty gave brief information on Spicewood long term recovery, which is wrapping up.

Announcements:

The next meeting is 10 am, December 12, 2013 at United Way.

Cathy Norman
Secretary