

WAVOAD General Meeting

December 6, 2022

Zoom Meeting led by Marty Grisham, WaVOAD President, LDS Charities

In Attendance

Marty Grisham – LDS Charities, WaVOAD President	Tom Link - SVdP
Kathy Bryson – PNW UMC Disaster Response, WaVOAD Vice President	Ann Forrest – Seattle Emergency Communication Hubs
Dave Zabloutny – Habitat for Humanity, WaVOAD Secretary	Ashley Butenschoen – Whatcom County LTRG
Dave Baylor – Episcopal Relief and Development, WaVOAD Member-at-large	Randy Bode – World Renew Disaster Response
Andrew Chadick – Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle – SAFE Washington, WaVOAD Member-at-large	Jim Truitt – GNW Episcopal Area UMC
Jim Mahon – Church of Scientology, WaVOAD Member-at-large	Patty Baker – Episcopal Relief & Development
Ray Shjerven – SWWA ELCA, WaVOAD Treasurer	Geri Chumley – Whatcom County
Christie Merrill – Red Cross	Lauren Hazen – Skagit County LTRG
Emily Goertz – WA MDS	Carlene Anders – ED – Disaster Leadership Team
Eric Williams – Second Harvest	Justine Chorley – Clallam County
Lisa Arellano – Salvation Army	Cindi Barker – Seattle Emergency Communication Hubs
Larry Mays – ACS DR	Tom Sharp – King County OEM
Quinn Butler – WA OEM	Jay DeBoer - Guest
Forrest Wilkinson – Church of the Brethren	

Meeting called to order by Marty Grisham for December 6, 2022, at 10:01am

Minutes Review

The minutes from the October 4, 2022, general meeting was presented with no edits. Kathy Bryson moved to accept. Tom Link offered to second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Review

Financials as of September month-end were reviewed by Ray Shjerven. The balance in the checking account is \$19,838.32. There were no expenditures last month. The savings account balance is \$5095.34 which reflects 1.08 in interest credited. Ray noted a correction to last month's report where it was reported a .08 rather than 1.08. Patty Baker moved to accept. Kathy Bryson offered to second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report/General Information

Marty Grisham advised the group that Dave Zabloutny (Secretary) and Ray Shjerven (Treasurer) were filling one-year roles, but they are both willing to step in to fill the normal two-year term (2023 and 2024) for those roles.

Marty asked if anyone else had nominations for these roles and there were none. He then asked for a show of hands for those in favor of Ray continuing for the next two years as Treasurer. There were 12 votes in favor with none opposed.

He then asked for a show of hands for those in favor of Dave continuing for the next two years as Secretary. There were 13 votes in favor with none opposed.

Marty also mentioned that Dave Baylor will be stepping down from his role as an at-large board member. He advised that Christie Merrill was nominated to take on the open at-large role. He asked if anyone else had nominations for this role and there were none.

He then asked for a show of hands for those in favor of Christie taking on the at-large role replacing Dave. There were 13 votes in favor with none opposed.

Marty thanked Ray, Dave, and Christie for their willingness to accept these responsibilities.

Marty then took a few minutes to acknowledge Dave Baylor's contributions to WaVOAD over the past 15 years. He applauded Dave for his selfless service to WaVOAD and for his service to the NVOAD over the years. He also noted his willingness to share his knowledge and expertise with others.

Marty then opened the call to others who wanted to share any thoughts about Dave. Several did share their thoughts and gratitude with many focusing on Dave's knowledge, his willingness to share with others, his servant-attitude and his willingness to mentor others.

Dave then shared that he is gratified to see those on the call who he has worked with over the past 15 years and to hear their kind words. He said that VOAD has been one of his "communities" over these years that has been so important to him and such a big part of his work.

Agency Spotlight: Habitat for Humanity Disaster Services – Dave Zablotny

Dave provided an overview of the organization and talked about the changes that have occurred over the years since its founding in 1976, transitioning from a just a home builder to much more as many Habitat affiliates in the U.S. now do much of their work on repairs and rehabs and can serve more families in doing so.

The Habitat vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

The Disaster function is called DR3 – risk reduction, response, and recovery. It was established in 1999 in response to Hurricane Mitch in Central America. The mission is to develop innovative housing and shelter assistance models that generate sustainable interventions for people affected by disasters or conflicts.

He briefly explained the components of DR3:

Risk reduction – includes building community resilience and supporting business continuity and emergency and recovery planning.

Emergency response – includes damage and needs assessment, shelter kits, emergency shelter and possibly coordination with other organization.

Recovery – Early – includes debris removal, cleanup, training, financial support, community organizing and action planning.

Recovery - Long term – includes land, finance, and reconstruction.

Dave noted that the priority is to respond to the needs of Habitat affiliates in the affected regions. If there is excess capacity beyond local affiliate needs, they will coordinate efforts with local emergency management.

Dave is the WA State Field Coordinator and is one of about 65 trained Habitat Disaster Corps volunteers.

Report Outs:

Long term Recovery Updates:

Okanogan County LTRG – Carlene Anders reported that the first three completed homes were dedicated on Veteran's Day. Three more are at various stages of completion. There are two more planned – the first has a foundation but the second has not yet been started. She once again expressed thanks to volunteers from MDS and UMCOR and anyone else who assisted for all their work on these homes.

Whatcom County LTRG – Ashley Butenschoen began by thanking Dave Baylor for the heaters that he was able to facilitate for Whatcom County and for all his help. She shared that their focus continues to be on their First 55 projects for reconstruction. There is a need for volunteers before January 20. The work is focused right now on insulation and electrical. They just passed the one-year anniversary of the floods and are thankful there have been no flooding issues to date this year. They are looking for gift cards for children for the holidays.

Clallam County – Justine Chorley reported that there are 10 cases open right now but they expect more to be opened. Their agreement with the state is close to being finalized. She also thanked Dave Baylor for all he has done to assist.

Skagit County – Dave Baylor reported that there are 36 open cases. They are still working through funding issues. He said to contact Lauren Hazen if you are able to assist in any way.

Member Report Outs

Emily Goertz – MDS – Emily shared that they have been active in Okanogan County helping to finish the houses Carlene mentioned earlier. She also noted that MDS is going through a reorganization.

Lisa Arellano – Salvation Army – Lisa mentioned they have been providing support (mostly feeding) for the Bolt Creek and Goat Rock fires.

Cindi Barker – Seattle Emergency Communication HUBS – working on a new emergency communications project – ham radio over digital. She would like to share an overview with WaVOAD at the next meeting.

Eric Williams – Second Harvest – noted that food is going out much faster than it is coming in. They have had to reduce their January/February distribution schedule.

Randy Bode – World Renew – they have been active in Whatcom County and are recruiting for three-week teams for the Spring of 2023.

Christie Merrill – Red Cross – mentioned the Sound the Alarm program (smoke alarm installation) as an opportunity to serve. There is training done the same day the work is done. Usually done in three-hour shifts.

Carlene Anders – Disaster Leadership Team – they are also providing support in Whatcom County.

Forest Wilkinson – Church of the Brethren – shared that they sent a small team to Oklahoma in September to help on a reservation.

Kathy Bryson – UMCOR – Kathy noted they were able to provide a \$100K grant to Whatcom County to help fund Project Manager and PT Volunteer Coordinator roles. She also said they are conducting a second round of Disaster Case Manager training.

Kathy also mentioned that total funds disbursed in Okanogan County now at \$500K.

They are also conducting Early Response Team recertification training.

Miscellaneous Update:

Ray Shjerven mentioned that invoices for membership dues are going out in January. He asked that members send him the contact information for the person to whom this email should be sent.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 7, 2023 - 10am via zoom

Meeting adjourned by Marty Grisham at 11:38 am.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Zablotny, WaVOAD secretary