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TENNESSEE VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER MINUTES February 13,1997

Location: Heart of Tennessee American Red Cross Headquarters 410 W. Lytle St. Murfreesboro, TN 37130

Members Present:

ACS: Nels Angelin, Terry Haight, Jim McConnell, Richard Ramey

ARC: Nancy McGill, Billy Newsome, E.L.Peters, Debbie Rutland, Yanah Thomas

SHFB: Jaynee Day

TBC: Tim Bearden, Cameron Byler, Archie King

TEMA: Bill Cooper, Cecil Whaley

who may view it as an added "tax".

UMCOR: Thomas Rascoe

Program:

President Yanah Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:05am, February 13,1997

DISCUSSION: January 24th Mid-Tennessee Tornadoes (Aftermath)

Red Cross damage assesment figures showed 146 homes destroyed, 71 with major damage and 129 with minor damage throughout a 7 county area. How did VOAD-member agencies react?

Cecil Whaley (TEMA) informed us that this was an SBA-Class disaster...meaning that there would be no heavy Federal funding for recovery. So, how do those with little or no insurance cope? Several agencies spoke of heavy participation of local churches, civic groups and businesses in the recovery of "their own". An Unmet Needs Committee was formed, consisting of those agencies and individuals involved in long-term recovery efforts. This committee would try to identify individuals and families not covered by existing programs, and see to finding the means of meeting those needs. Cecil also informed us of proposed legislation that would form a State-administered trust fund that would help cover those areas that were not met by other State and Federal programs. It would be funded by a \$1.00 surcharge on Homeowner's Insurance, However, Legislators are reluctant to promote or pass it for fear of backlash from voters,

Other agencies spoke of good response. The Red Cross operated shelters, did damage assesment and led out with other assistance. Southern Baptists, under the leadership of Archie King, helped with feeding and cleanup. The Salvation Army fed sandwiches and drink. Tom Rascoe reported that the United Methodists did counciling and held group meetings for victims.

During lunch, provided by the Red Cross, a video featuring Monte Sahlin (ACS), a former NVOAD President, was shown. Monte spoke on issues facing VOAD, and on ways to utilize VOAD to aid in training and to further strengthen the response of individual agencies.

After lunch, discussion continued on ways to better coordinate TNVOAD and TEMA so that the maximum relief can get to victims when it is needed.

New Business:

1.TREASURER'S REPORT

Nancy McGill reported that there was a current balance of \$1042.96 in TNVOAD's account.

2.NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Richard Ramey (ACS) said that the Nominating Committee, consisting of Tom Rascoe (UMCOR), Richard Ramey (ACS) and Tim Bearden (TBC) recommended the following for election as officers for the comming year:

President.....Major James Worthy (SA)

V. President Richard Ramey (ACS)

Treasurer.....Nancy McGill (ARC)

Secretary.....Terry Haight (ACS)

These were approved by vote.

Since President-Elect Major Worthy wasn't present, VP Richard Ramey then took over the meeting.

3.PRESS KIT

Cameron Byler (TBC) suggested the need for a Press Kit to inform the media about What VOAD is and does. A committee consisting of Cecil Whaley (TEMA), Jaynee Day (SHFB), and Yanah Thomas (ARC) was chosen to assemble one.

4.RED CROSS DISASTER INSTITUTE

Billy Newsome (ARC) announced that there would be a RC Disaster Institute held at Maryville College, Maryville, TN June 19-23. All are invited.

5.EMAT CONFERENCE

Nancy McGill and Cecil Whaley announced that the annual EMAT Conference would be held in Nashville this year at the Maxwell House Hotel, February 24-28.

6.RETIREMENT

Cameron Byler (TBC), announced his retirement. Cameron, who has responded to 67 major disasters in the last 29 years, built the first Baptist feeding unit. There are now 28 units nationwide, testifying to what one person's vision can accomplish. We'll miss you, Cameron. Come back and visit us.

7.TEMA INVOLVEMENT IN VOAD

TEMA has shown strong support for our state VOAD, and has expressed a willingness to help recruit new members.

As a demonstration of it's support, Bill Cooper (TEMA) unveiled a banner that TEMA had produced to be displayed on SDA distribution vehicles at disasters, proclaiming that the items being given away were a cooperative effort by Second Harvest and Adventist Disaster Services. Each Agencies' Logo was displayed, as well as that of Tennessee VOAD. TEMA will produce banners for other agencies who team up, such as the Baptists and Red Cross, who team up for feeding efforts. We certainly do appreciate that kind of support from Tennesee's top Disaster Response agency.

8.1997 MEETING SCHEDUAL

Meetings for 1997 will be held on the following dates: May 8

August 14

November 13

9.NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be:

Location: Second Harvest Food Bank of Nashville 608 20th Ave, N. Nashville, TN 37203

Time: 10:00-2:00

Date: May 8, 1997

Report prepared by Terry Haight (ACS), Secretary