



Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service
Recognition Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 10, 2022
4:00pm to 5:00pm

Present:

Tiffany Mathis	Jacob Jenkins
Carolyn Roberts	Amy Rueff
John Gremer	Gussie Reed

Absent:

Jim Dixon	Ann Schuman
Curtis Peace	

Call to Order

Tiffany Mathis called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. A quorum was present

Approval of Minutes

April 19, 2022, Committee minutes were not available, therefore it was motioned by Tiffany, 2nd by John to wave approval of the previous minutes, all voted and unanimously carried the motion.

Staff Report

Jacob requested additional support of the June 9th National Service Summit, there is a need for 40 or more volunteers to work 4 hr. shifts beginning on June 8 with event set-up. This event will be hosted at the Bank of Springfield Center with projected attendance of approximately 500 guests. Staffing shortages are having a negative impact on volunteer recruitment. John volunteered to recruit some of his teammates.

Constant Contact Serve Illinois Communications Corner will be the newsletter, please send any articles and or information to Jacob.

Governor's Hometown Awards 2022 – Event Chair - Amy Rueff

Jacob shared the following timeline:

- May 1, 2022, letter of intent due
- May 1st – 25th, evaluation and judging of letters of intent
- June 3rd Notice of Decisions/application packet mailed to semi-finalist
- June 30th GHTA applications due
- July 7th – July 22nd, GHTA Semifinals judging
- July 30, 2022 (PR Event at Governor's Mansion) announcing finalist and special invite to compete for Governor's Cup
- August 18, 2022, Governor's Hometown Awards Cup Finale at the Illinois State Fair

It was motioned by Carolyn to accept the timeline as presented, 2nd by Tiffany, unanimous vote in favor, motion carried.

Jacob shared judges will work in pairs, he also emphasized the need for additional judges and the importance that there is a diverse slate of judges. The judges should be reflective of Illinois demographics.

Governor's Volunteer Service Awards (Thursday or Friday September 15 or 16, 2022)

- There is a need to review the marketing plan for this event to validate that the information is reaching the audience that is representative of the State of Illinois
- The committee discussed the scoring sheet, the issue of "sustainability" does not match the application requirements. The question was asked "why does everything need to be sustainable?" sometimes things are one and done, not intended to go on forever.
- It was motioned by Tiffany to accept Volunteer Service Awards application changes, 2nd by John, all voted, motion carried.
- John Gremer agreed to help the chair with this event in Chicago
- Tiffany suggested that we outsource the event and possibly hire someone to manage the logistics since it is in Chicago. John suggested that we could get someone to do the planning pro-bono. If we had a scope of the event, possibly we could ask others we know to volunteer to manage the event.
- ***This event still needs a chairperson***
- Amy and Tiffany agreed to make some phone calls to get other commissioners get involved in the Volunteer Recognition Event and judging

Next Meeting: June 14, 2022, at 4:00 pm

Motion to accept the timeline and process for the Governor's Hometown Award – motion by Carolyn, 2nd by Tiffany. Motion passed.

Motion to accept Volunteer Service Awards application changes – motion by Tiffany, 2nd by John. Motion passed.

Regarding the Volunteer Service Awards – John Gremer agreed to help the chair with this event in Chicago.

Discussion: Tiffany suggested that we outsource the event and possibly hire someone to manage the logistics since it is in Chicago. John suggested that we could get someone to do the planning pro-bono. If we had a scope of event, possibly we could ask others we know to volunteer to manage the event.

We still need someone to serve as the chair.

Amy and Tiffany agreed to make some phone calls to get other commissioners to get involved in the volunteer recognition events and judging.

Carolyn suggested making a change to the scoring sheet to address sustainability issue. She will get with Jacob for changes.

Next meeting is June 14 at 4PM.

Submitted by Amy Rueff, co-chair

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4:45 pm John motioned to adjourn, Carolyn 2nd the motion, all voted in favor, motion carried

Minutes submitted by:
Amy Rueff & Gussie Reed
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