Minutes for April 25, 2018 Meeting

Call to Order/Welcoming Remarks

Chairwoman Liliu Mailo called the meeting to order at 3:13pm. The secretary was not able to attend due to conflicting obligations. Welcoming remarks to members for taking the time out of busy schedules to attend the meeting.

The floor was turned over to POC for updates and review of events. Round of introductions for old and new members took place prior to continuing.

Attendees

Marvis Vaiagae ASG VAL
Liliu Mailo ASCASV / Chair
Makerita Lelevaga Catholic Social Services
Val Tuilefano American Red Cross AS
Kalilimoku Hunt LDS Public Affairs
Tuiatua Tigi A. Mataalii LDS Media Public Affairs
Hans Langkilde ARC Board Chair
Liezl Silapan Filipino Community
Sekove Balemila President, Fijian Community
Salote Balemila Fiji Community
Fanuaea Leitaua Treasurer ASVOAD
Bill Gully Native Women in Community Development
Evelyn Sao-Stevens FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaison

Approval of minutes

Minutes from April 20th meeting distributed for organization representatives.

Meeting Agenda Details

Today’s meeting agenda focused on the events from the last meeting on April 20, 2018. Reviewing previous minutes to gather updates and items of priority.
First on the agenda is FEMA’s report from the DRC update: William Gully, FEMA VAL provided information on FEMA DRC assistance. As of this day, FEMA disbursed $14.3 Million of which 18 were the MAX checks of $34,000. The Disaster Recovery Center in Pago Pago will close May 1st for new registrations. However, the DRC will remain open until May 19 to assist applicants with other needs such as new documentation, appeals, etc.

The Lions Club distribution was summarized by Bill. The 30 cases of water, clothing, toys, baby and toddler items, reading glasses and misc. items were bagged and taken by those who showed up. Still remaining are about 5 bags of clothes. The ASCASV was asked to take the bags of clothes and distribution accordingly.

Fa’afetai tele to Bill Gully (FEMA) for taking the lead on the distribution. Also to Tafa for accommodating the distribution space, Liliu for her volunteers, Val for the ARCAS volunteers, Irene Kane for the 30 cases of water, and a couple of ASVOAD volunteers who made time to assist in this effort.

The availability of the Disaster Case Management trainer is set for May 28 – June 11th. The training is budgeted by the Catholic Charities USA and should begin the week of June 4th. Sulita from Catholic Social Services will coordinate with Fanuæa the training requirements. A list of potential Disaster Case workers should be complete when it gets to 25 and leaving a reserve of 5 for Board and committee members.

A short briefing on the Governor’s wish to start a rebuild/repair program. He hopes to partner with FEMA and ASVOAD. Further discussions will continue on this request.

The DHSS will submit the FEMA Disaster Case Management Grant on May 1st. Updates should be available at the next meeting.

Membership forms were distributed to organizations. Please complete and return to Nua. **FYI:** The Bylaws state full membership fees for nonprofit, voluntary, and faith-based organizations is $200; and associate membership includes local private and civic organizations, government, businesses, and others at $100. If full-members and associate members feel the compassion to donate more than the required amount, please feel free to do so. The fees are used for office operations.

Chair asked what is FEMA’s role in the LTRP? Steve Graves explained the different options.

**Other Business**

**Announcements**

Next meeting will be at May 9th 3:00pm - ARC compound.

**Adjourned**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:43pm.
Thank you to all the organizations and individuals attending the meeting. Working together for the same cause to help the people of American Samoa is our common goal. Fa’afetai Tele Lava!