VOAD of Beaver County (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters)

Minutes Tues., 11/17/2026

Herta Madder opened the meeting at 11:02 AM

9 people attended in person; 6 people attended online

-**Welcome and Introductions**

American Red Cross, new Community Disaster Program Manager, Zachary Piccolo

-**211 Report**

-**LEMC Speaker Schedule 2027**

J.C. from EMS shared that the quarterly trainings are helpful to spread the VOAD information.

2/16/27 BCDOH (pending approval); 5/11/27 PEMA; Women's Shelter and Salvation Army are considering dates; 8/17/27 (open); 11/16/27 TCBC if needed

-**Nominations and Election of Officers for 2027**

The proposed slate was approved: Chairperson – Herta Madder; Vice-Chairperson – Maj. Dorothy Budd; Secretary – Nancy Grieco

-**Outreach and Engagement**

Invite others to join VOAD – Social Workers of utility companies, grocery stores (Giant Eagle), Lowes, Home Depot. Email other suggestions to Herta. Herta will draft & email out invitation letter and "brochure" for feedback/approval from the group.

-**MARC Tabletop**

8/10/27 during the VOAD timeslot; American Red Cross and EMS will organize with Herta.

-Agency Updates

American Red Cross had 10 cases opened from 8/11/26-11/16/26: 15 adults, 7 children; 2 cases still open

Emergency Operations Center is expanding their drone capacity. The Emergency Management Specialist position is open to hire.

United Way has a candy fundraiser with Rosalind's **https://www.mycandyfundraiser.com/discount/UWBC**

-Other

The ByLaws are due for review and will be sent out prior to the February 2027 meeting for the group to review. Feedback will be discussed at that meeting.

Next meetings: 2/9/27, 5/18/27, 8/10/27, 11/9/27 at 11:00 AM

Meeting ended at 11:52 AM

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