# Rotary District 6510 Disaster Response Committee Minutes April 13, 2021

Members present on the call:

# Chair PDG Joe Miller, Jay Cupp, Wayne Gerlock, Aur Beck, Jill Pietrusinski, Mark Bearth and Chris Clark

Chair Joe Miller reported

That he and Wayne attended the disaster table read at the Jackson County Health Department office, where a train in Carbondale hit a car and each of the different Jackson County emergency department and the Carbondale Hospital talked through how they would handle their part of the disaster. A lot was learned.

Joe has been trying to get a hold of Ed Hoke to check on where he is at in developing a COAD for Southern Illinois.

Wayne reported:

The new disaster trailer has been purchased and lettered. It is now setting in West Frankfort waiting to be brought back to Carterville, so we can start loading it. Content insurance has been ordered, just waiting for the policy. The value of contents with filtration systems is $18,839. Joe is going to check on chocks and Wayne is going to look in to and purchases wheel locks for both trailers. The Rotary Club of Marion did donate $1,000 toward the trailer and that with the District Grant will pay almost all the trailer cost.

In checking the value of the water filtration equipment form Karnak, Wayne found that the Company that supplied the system “Goodman Ball, Inc. is out of business. However, the generator side of the business was purchased by Dewey Electronics Corporation. We went on talking about the system and how it works and what we need to find and purchase. Chris and Joe are going to check back with Karnak on filters and where to purchase them as they are not shipped with the unit. The Karnak system will require a large pool to collect the filtered water and Jay Cupp will investigate how we can get one and what the cost will be. The problem with all this is we only have around $640 left in the “Disaster Response” account in “Rotary District 6510 Charities”. We need to get the word out to the clubs to help with donations.

Wayne attended “disaster aid USA” board meeting last Tuesday night and found that some trailers are being used to transport food from Food Banks to distribution sites, as well as other give away items. Disaster Aid USA are now requesting that only DeWalt 20-volt power tools and Husqvarna, or Styli chainsaws be supplied on trailer, so they are interchangeable between trailers on disaster sites. The Board also talked about how they are using “Network for Good” via emails not only Facebook, to raise donations for the various disasters. Wayne asked that they send information about how they are doing the emails for us to look at to see how we can benefit.

Wayne will take those Rotary members that have added items to DR inventory but are not listed in the “Disaster Response” club on DAC and add them to the club.

Next Zoom meeting: May 11 at 7:30 p m. Respectfully Submitted,

PDG Wayne Gerlock