

Rotary District 6510 Disaster Response Committee

Minutes April 12, 2022

Members present on the call:

Chair PDG Joe Miller Mark Bearth Aur Beck Greg Jones
Wayne Garlock Jeff Thornton Jill Pietrusinski

Chair Joe Miller reported he and Jeff Thornton attended a simulated disaster in Carbondale today hosted by Jackson County EMA with a simulated train derailment. Jeff shared they had a decontamination situation which prevented first responders from entering the scene without proper protective equipment. Jeff observed the incident command was very interesting to witness all of the components and communication. SIUC partnered with the civic first responders. Joe reported the local entities like the hospital and school wasn't aware of the simulation fully.

Joe reported he and Greg tested the generators yesterday and they are now tagged as #1 and #2. They also worked on the water purifier and were able to replace ½ of the hoses. Some had sludge in them, and some were dry rot from being outside prior to our acquisition.

Both AEDs are mounted in the trailers now and in the same place in both trailers. Aur recommended we put a sign on the outside of the trailers indicating there are AEDs present. Mark said he can help with the signs. The signs should indicate the location in the trailer for emergency access. They suggested they be mounted near the side door.

Mayfield update, no response from the minister who is the point of contact for the gift cards. Wayne will reach out to Kristen, and it may take a trip to Mayfield to coordinate. Wayne feels they don't have a system in place yet to honor our grant requirements for distribution. The documentation appeared to be a surprise to them. They will be setting up a subcommittee within their main distribution committee. Wayne said to his knowledge that wasn't set up yet and they needed to have a training program established for their investigators to evaluate the needs prior to distribution. Joe said historically that training can take a while. Wayne said progress is slow and a lot of need still exists with displaced residents.

D6580 in Southern IN approached Joe and Wayne at LOLPETS to establish a Disaster Committee in their district as well.

Disaster Aid USA requested a copy of our Disaster plan and is using that as an example of how to stand up a committee. They are very involved in the Ukrainian refugee crisis and working with the Rotary Club of Warsaw who purchased an ambulance as well as feeding thousands of refugees and providing water filtration systems. DAUSA is currently more engaged than Disaster Aid Europe or International. DA Australia purchased some skyjack purifiers as well. Family water filtration systems have been highly sought after. They are staging in Poland and working with the Ukrainian Rotarians who are still on the front lines. There was a video released asking for armored vests and heat sensor units which were supplied to the local Ukrainians who have to seek shelter in the day and at night her group distributes the items to the people sheltering underground. Wayne said the video shown was internal and not shared publicly for safety's sake. Cellular devices have location identifiers and can expose those helping.

Wayne reported Marion Rotary Club raised \$5k and sent to TRF Disaster relief and are publicizing in the local media.

Wayne met with DACDB developers and updated them on the DR module that we use and a District in FL use. Our fee has been waived as pilot districts. DACDB didn't seem to have a pricing schedule set up and they discussed a few improvements that are needed. A formal, written request was submitted for those updated. Wayne introduced them to the sign-up system they are interested in. DAC has i-member as an application that may be of value to learn more about sign up genius now a part of member hub. Wayne encouraged them to develop the sign up process sooner rather than later to benefit the DR module. Wayne is hoping we can have multi-district regional access to the DR module. Jill mentioned D6460 may be interested as well. Jill suggested PDG/ARC Maura Donnelly and PRID Bob Stewart would be good points of contact. Wayne has met with the leadership team of D6580 and Betty, the District administrator will be the point of contact. They all recognized D6710 was not prepared and want to be better prepared. Wayne will continue to work on developing these relationships.

Joe wondered if there is an update on the Ch 3 fundraising program. Wayne said he hasn't had a chance to check on it yet.

There was an application for a District 6510 grant for \$5000 with Metropolis, Lebanon and Metropolis to match their \$2500 for a total grant of \$7500 for outfitting the Disaster Aid trailer #2 and stay compliant with the need to have any grants awarded not be related to District owned items.

There is money to cover the Pole Chain Saw and the item is on backorder currently.

There are 2 grants in District 6510 Charities, the \$650 for chainsaw and \$25000 TRF Disaster grant for Mayfield.

Next Zoom meeting: May 10 at 7:30 p m.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDG Jill Pietrusinski