Rotary District 6510 Disaster Response Committee

Minutes April 14, 2020

Members present on the call:

Chair PDG Joe Miller PDG Jill Pietrusinski September McAdoo Jay Cupp

PDG Wayne Garlock Mark Bearth Chris Lyons

Chair Joe Miller reported

IL VOAD is now meeting every other week. We were contacted by 2 agencies to see if we could do “drop and box”. We had a few volunteers ready and they decided it wasn’t needed after all.

We have also written and submitted a Rotary Disaster Grant for COVID-19 to restock PPEs for each of the 28 county EMAs in 6510.

That would provide us exposure throughout the District. The amount of $25,000 was requested. The fund is depleted, and we are on the list to be approved with future funding when available.

Joe applied for an FCC license for a block of radio frequencies if needed. It can be used anywhere throughout the country and can support up to 250 radios. It was approved

March 26 at 1100 Ryan’s Steakhouse in Mt Vernon was cancelled. It would have been a “tabletop” exercise in preparation for our exercise in April (date to be determined). Dates will be rescheduled as the pandemic quarantine is over.

Wayne mentioned the GIG global volunteer request to identify 1 million volunteers in 2 weeks. There is a web site to go through online training and then volunteers are partnered with needs either online or on site depending on desired level of volunteers.

Joe is met with Masaac Co on Thursday to review the MOU. It is still under review because they aren’t meeting currently. It can be shared as an example with other communities. O’Fallon has requested.

We haven’t heard from Aur on status of solar panels on trailer so Joe will follow up. Wayne said the trailer looked like some of the work was completed.

Next call May 12 at 7:30pm. This will be a conference call 618-230-4116. The conference code is 6510#.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDG Jill Pietrusinski