

Rotary District 6510 Disaster Response Committee

Minutes March 12, 2019

Members present on the call:

Chair PDG Joe Miller	iPDG Jill Pietrusinski	PDG Jeff Thornton	PDG Wayne Gerlock
DGE Gary Hamm	Aur Beck		

Massac County EMA called our team to support their distribution center during floods this month at Brookport Community Center. Items were collected for cleanup. We had mixed success. Joe felt EMA could have promoted a little more for a better turnout. We had 2 TV stations broadcast. People from Lebanon, Carlyle, Mt. Vernon, Marion and Metropolis all had volunteers responded.

LOL PETS PDG Joe Miller will have a breakout with our District and distribute the information needed to supply our trailer and we will have our trailer present with the graphics painted on the outside to help promote. We will also have a booth in the House of Friendship.

PDG Joe mentioned we currently have 1 volunteer willing to pull the trailer from Metropolis and we need to identify more people throughout the district. We would like to have a minimum of 12, but more is better. Once we have those volunteers we need to identify a central location for storage of the trailer. It requires 2 5/16" ball for hitch. We will store one in the trailer for use. There needs to be a 7 pin connection to connect the lights/brakes for the trailer.

PDG Wayne mentioned we have additional items that need to be added in the "Go Boxes" and will bring those to Effingham to distribute to those who have the boxes. The forms to run a VRC are already in the trailer to distribute. There is a 4 drawer locking file cabinet in trailer bolted to the wall for safety. Wayne is trying to get the specs for the internal storage system from Disaster Aid USA so we can complete. Currently there is a rail and tie down system for safety.

Jill reported she met with the O'Fallon police chief and team and they are interested in signing an MOU with us and also wanted to see the MOU we have with Disaster Aid USA since that might bring members from outside of our District. They were very happy to know we have attended the ICS courses. They were also interested in our supplies being controlled and consistent rather than taking donated items. They were interested in our database structure and how to identify quickly the "call tree" to activate Rotarians as well as identifying skill sets.

Wayne said the MOU with Disaster Aid USA is being re-written and the MOU with Massac Co wasn't inclusive enough. Joe mentioned we offer 3 different options with an agreement depending on what the agency is looking for.

Wayne is trying to get the license plate for the trailer and needs additional information from the manufacturer that has been requested.

Jill asked if Disaster Aid USA becomes an organization we don't want to work with what are our options with the Trailer? Wayne is adjusting the MOU to address concerns. He is also going to check to see if our RI insurance covers us.

We really need to identify more volunteers that are responsive quickly. We are hoping the trailer helps ignite interest and money. When the call came out for Brookport the response was a bit slow.

Fundraising ideas for trailer need to be developed that will help us be self-sustainable. Maybe emergency kits of some sort.

Next call APR 9 at 7:30pm. This will be a conference call 618-230-4116. The conference code is 6510#.

Respectfully Submitted,

iPDG Jill Pietrusinski