

## Rotary District 6510 Disaster Response Committee Minutes

March 14, 2023

Members present on the call: Chair PDG Joe Miller, Debbie Miller, PDG Wayne Gerlock, Aur Beck, PDG Jeff Thornton, Jill Pietrusinski

Chair Joe Miller called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM.

Club donations to support Palestine OH disaster relief have been received in the amount of \$2500 so far and additional donations are still coming in. The donations will go to District 6650 Governor Michelle Charles.

Due to District budgetary challenges, the district annual support of the Disaster fund has been removed from the budget.

We will have a booth at Land of Lincoln PETS in Effingham this weekend to promote to our Presidents Elect.

The water filtration trailer is now functioning with electricity and Wayne has dropped off carpeting for both trailers. Joe reported they will work on installing lights soon.

Exercises are on hold in Jefferson Co until Region 11 funding of the exercise has been determined. Region 11 and SPARC have their regional meeting in April and Joe will check on the plan for the exercise schedule.

District 6580, 6560, 6490 have agreed to partner with us for a Disaster grant for Ukraine in the amount of \$100,000. These are the 4 LOLPETS Districts. All other grants have been closed successfully.

The 2023 Zones 30/31 Institute in Memphis Sept 21-24 will include breakouts on Disaster response. There are opportunities in the HUB as well. DAUSA will support a HUB exhibit as well as ESRAG. Rotary Action Groups to include DNARAG will also be highlighted.

Wayne is working with DAC to continue to improve the DR tab on all DAC Districts. DAC has been purchased by Chris Jones. The volunteer system with DAUSA has a lot of errors and Wayne is working with them on correcting. He discovered SIUC uses the same software for their community volunteer system. The goal is to get a volunteer system to identify zone then district automatically. Jill wondered if there is a student internship option

since Rotaract is no longer active at SIUC. Wayne will ask his daughter for assistance in making a contact at the University.

Allen Kid has spoken with the Wabash County commissioner and has stepped down from that position. Joe will try to set up an appointment with the Williamson Co commissioner to meet with him and Wayne.

Next Zoom meeting: April 11th at 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted, PDG Jill Pietrusinski