Rotary District 6510 Disaster Response Committee

Minutes May 12, 2020

Members present on the call:

Chair PDG Joe Miller PDG Jill Pietrusinski September McAdoo Jay Cupp

PDG Wayne Garlock Mark Bearth

Chair Joe Miller reported

We have applied for a Rotary Foundation Disaster Grant which is approved at $25,000 but not funded.

The District had $4700 coming back from RI as unspent grants so they have requested to use it for Disaster supplies? To meet the new criteria, we were able to fund a total of $4823 for supplies that will be for COVID-19 supplies as well as some trailer items. Items included masks, safety glasses, earplugs, gloves, safety vests, hardhats. Supplies are very limited to purchase. Preparing for additional natural disasters is still important.

 Joe said there are a couple of things to do still in the trailer that will be completed by Joe and Wayne. The Solar panels are complete, and Joe will follow up on the reverse plug to see if that is connected. That will be done soon.

Wayne received $300 from O’Fallon for the Disaster fund. Lane Harvey also did a Facebook fundraiser for his birthday.

VOAD is having bi-weekly calls and Jackson Co has been the nearest area reporting. The northern counties are the hardest hit.

Our volunteers were not needed.

The million-volunteer surge by the Global Impact Group, founded by Rotarians was discussed and the site to follow up is [www.theglobalimpactgroup.org](http://www.theglobalimpactgroup.org) where you can volunteer from a remote support in the safety of your own home, or to support our healthcare community. Training is provided and you choose the amount of time available to volunteer.

Wayne asked if any communities had needs. Jay said Carbondale is good. September shared a nursing home in Carlyle is really struggling and the Carlyle club has submitted for a district grant to provide gowns.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

PDG Jill Pietrusinski