

Rotary District 6510 Disaster Response Committee Minutes

May 9, 2023

Members present on the call: Chair PDG Joe Miller, Debbie Miller, PDG Wayne Gerlock, Mark Bearth, PDG Jeff Thornton, Jill Pietrusinski, Charlie Pitts, Tim Sipes, Aur Beck, Wayne Beaumier (DAUSA)

Chair Joe Miller called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Chair Joe showed a proposed flyer to provide to Club Presidents as a guide to reach us if there is a disaster in their area, and what our committee can support. Jill noted the "wheel" needs to be adjusted to be brand compliant and Joe said that can be done easily.

Wayne said we really need to remind clubs more about what we do and how to engage with us.

Wayne reported the money we collected for the OH disaster should be sent through DAUSA so it can be tracked through their database. The amount is estimated to be \$2300.

Joe reported he and Wayne went to Williamson Co EMA and are developing an MOU with them. Wayne delivered it to them last week and we are awaiting their signatures. Wayne has developed an MOU template to make it easier to develop for future use.

Joe reports wiring in the water filtration trailer is continuing. Jeff asked when we will be doing the next water filtration test and that date isn't set yet. Jill asked to have the date as soon as available so we can try and get a good video to use at Zone Institute. Joe explained that we want to test 2 x per year.

Wayne reported Bollinger Co had storms again last night and said that PRID Bob Stuart reminded him that The Rotary Foundation Disaster Grants can be obtained up to 6 mos. after the event. There is no limit to the number of grants you can write for. We can assist them, but their District has to be the lead on the form. One option might be a "house in a box" which may be available for \$3000 each. The Ukraine Disaster Grant is in process. Wayne is getting signatures now. There is another area in IN south of Terre Haute that has residual damage.

Wayne reported that Joe, Jill, Aur and Wayne are members of DNA-RAG. Joe

sent a District membership application in as well. Wayne said they are using "imember" which is a DAC database under a different name that has "regions" added in addition to Clubs, Districts and Zones. This database allows a broader membership type than DAC.

Jill mentioned the Zone training database shown from Haiti, was probably more than would be needed. Wayne feels the DAC DR module can easily be adapted to work well. The calendar would need to be updated as a scheduler.

Joe said we are still waiting to hear how it went with Wabash Co EMA regarding an MOU opportunity.

Jill asked if we could engage TRF in soliciting funds for the Disaster fund with their giving. We need to engage with Janice as chair. Annual and Endowment giving can designate directly to Disaster relief. Wayne agreed we need to continue to think long term sustainable projects as well as immediate. Wayne will speak with TRF Chair Janice Alka.

Next Zoom meeting: June 13th at 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted, PDG Jill Pietrusinski