Rotary District 6510 Disaster Response Committee

Minutes October 12, 2021

Members present on the call:

Chair PDG Joe Miller Jeff Thornton Mark Bearth Aur Beck Wayne Gerlock

Allan Kidd

Chair Joe Miller reported

The Water purifier is in the trailer and ready to go. November 6 at 0930 will be a test at Grand Tower at the boat launching ramp in Jackson County to use Mississippi River water as a test.

Jill suggested reaching out to Shane Hermetz with the Murphysboro Satellite club to see if they want to be part of Grand Tower testing.

We will have a table at District Conference and raffle off an Air Fryer. Joe will do a poster for the table and Debbie has a video presentation available to showcase our activities. Aur offered to bring the trailer if needed.

Wayne has utilized the Menards gift cards to purchase additional supplies to include brooms/dust pans. We still have $900 remaining. Additional needs are wheelbarrow and some spades as well as rigging to hang equipment in the trailer. A Carbon Monoxide detector was recommended.

Our new trailer insurance has been renewed and paid to include trailer and contents. The original trailer is covered by Disaster Aid USA.

Mark offered to pursue the AED option. He recalls it being $500+ for a reconditioned unit.

Wayne said we need to utilize “Front Door” for fund raising. It is an agency for nonprofits to fundraise.

Wayne also asked to keep the ask for donations in front of the clubs and to make payment to District 6510 Charities.

Jill asked if we can reach out to SIU and other colleges for environmental program contacts that may be available for support of testing. Wayne will reach out to contacts at John A Logan. Aur suggested we reach out to the Carbondale club for connections.

Jill mentioned DGE Mary Harvey will have a breakout at LOLPETS to promote District programs to include the Disaster Committee.

All agree the more visible we can be the better it is for our club members to see us and want to participate.

Next Zoom meeting November 9 at 7:30 p m.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDG Jill Pietrusinski