Rotary District 6510 Disaster Response Committee

Minutes September 8, 2020

Members present on the call:

Chair PDG Joe Miller Debbie Miller Jay Cupp Mark Bearth

Holly Austin PDG Jeff Thornton Aur Beck

Zoom meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7676757417?pwd=T3d5Q2FpajR1emlLM0FlRmFTcnJKZz09](https://ismyrotaryclub.com/Click/?_uid=800112916&_ctid=1641562&redirect=https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7676757417?pwd=T3d5Q2FpajR1emlLM0FlRmFTcnJKZz09)

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Chair Joe Miller reported

Joe reported he has delivered PPE to multiple locations from the $25,000 Disaster Response Grant from the Rotary Foundation. Jeff Thornton and Wayne Gerlock have boxed the supplies. Deliveries have gone to Jackson Co, Massaak Co, Williamson Co, Alexander Co, Pulaski Co, Union Co, Johnson Co, and Hardin Co. A total of 28 counties will receive PPE. There are still deliveries to be made and we will continue to work on media coverage.

Some of these counties do not have a Rotary club and there is a huge need. It also gives us good exposure.

We have been invited to the Carbondale area (Jackson Co EMA) to work with them on a drill for Disaster response. The target date will be in October to start planning for the actual drill after 1 Jan 2021.

The Disaster Trailer has added interior lighting and a charging station for cell phones.

Mt. Carmel is having a cookout in October and they have requested our Disaster trailer be present. We could also distribute their PPE at that time.

We currently haven’t received requests from Iowa or LA to support their disasters.

Jill announced there is an initiative to do a Mississippi River Cleanup Day on 9/26.

Joe is encouraging promotion of our Disaster Committee at each visit. We currently have a few members who are non-Rotarians.

Jill mentioned Shane Hermitz is the chair of our Innovative New Club Advocate program in D6510 and a Disaster response cause-based club may be an opportunity.

Debbie mentioned we should consider reaching out to Rep Bost as he is acknowledging good works in Southern IL to try and get some more publicity.

Aur will work on an article for the newsletter and Jill will assist.

Next Zoom meeting: October 13 at 7:30 p m.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDG Jill Pietrusinski