Rotary District 6510 Disaster Response Committee

Minutes November 14, 2017

Members present on the call:

Co-Chair PDG Joe Miller DG Jill Pietrusinski Gary Hamm September McAdoo Wayne Gerlock Lynn Lenker Jay Cupp

PDG Joe announced the DAC issues with data are now resolved in the DR tab per PDG Wayne Gerlock.

Ed Hoke is interested in joining the committee and has experience in Disaster Response as Regional Disaster coordinator.

We need to have a “trained” point of contact in each area of the district, not necessarily in each club.

Our point of contact should have a relationship with Emergency Management to facilitate communication and our initial “niche” may be best served in an administrative support level which is currently a need.

At District Conference breakout it was determined particularly in Randolph Co, that the administrative support is definitely a need. In summary the group talked about being a resource in a disaster, not step on toes or take over anyone’s jobs in any way. Ella shared how the Rotary Community Corps can fit into a Disaster response. Additional clarification of our “role” was beneficial. Approximately 15 attendees were in the breakout, in addition to the presenters. There still is a bit of confusion with some clubs on how the financials will be handled.

District 6510 Charities currently has $5500 that has been donated to the “restricted fund” for future disaster relief from the DG Club visits and District Conference.

Jay Cupp asked about our “Statement of Purpose” which has not been formalized. PDG Joe Miller suggested we identify as a “Supportive service to our communities, to augment emergency resources and coordinate with emergency response agencies, as needed to families and businesses with inadequate support in the event of disaster”

Larry Agee of Disaster USA is also coordinating pre-positioned trailers with consideration of having one or more in our District. Jay Cupp shared Jackson-Williamson Co Sunset has a trailer in reserve with solar power to have a mobile trailer for supplies to include an energy source.

PDG Wayne Gerlock suggested we set up a “Disaster Relief Club” in DAC that we can add the agencies as members who would have the points of contact from the local clubs as “members”. Ex. Church organizations, etc

We are looking to have additional certification on the 2 remaining NIMS courses in February in Mt. Vernon. The tests need to be taken online and please update the DR tab in your member tab on DAC.

PDG Wayne suggested we resend the instructions for the DR module.

Next call Jan 9 at 7:30pm. This will be a conference call 618-522-7029. The conference code is 1234#.

Respectfully Submitted,

DG Jill Pietrusinski