**7360 Foundation Committee Monthly Zoom Meeting**

**Minutes for Aug. 8, 2021**

Members Present: Carl Askew, Howard Benner, Jeff Coup, Susana Falck, Ken Martin, Dana Orsini, Kat Snowe, Swan Stull, John Taylor, Pam Wagoner, Kelly Wike, Susanna Thomlinson (District Secretary)

Excused Absence: Herb Smith, Vicki Zimmerman

1. Update on current district grants from Ken or Pam: there are many clubs eligible for grants that have not attended a grant seminar. Kelly and Swan will contact the club by e-mail and phone to encourage attendance.
2. Issue with unrecognized checks sent to grant recipients: Howard ordered new checks with proper numbering. New checks were sent out and recipients were told to only cash the second check.
3. Global grant report. Susana, Carl, John: John shared he is looking for $20 to $40 thousand dollars to support a Global grant in El Salvador for clean water. He has contact with Phoenix and Denver clubs for help. A second environmental grant in our area has support interest from Muncy, Keiser, and Huntingdon.

Swan announced the decision to give DDF funds of $5000 toward the Global Grant for hand washing.

1. PolioPlus report. Jeff reported 52 members are signed up for the Polio + Society at $100 per year. Swan encouraged everyone to continue to promote the project throughout the Zone.
2. Strategic plan for 7360 foundation committee - Dana, Vicki, Ken, Kelly, Swan

 Notes: 17 of the 66 current Club presidents made no donation to the Rotary Foundation during 2020-21; 7 of the 66 participate in Rotary Direct. Only 23 clubs have listed a District Foundation Chair, six of the 23 did not make a 2020-21 gift

Report was sent out to committee for review. Topic for discussion were increase annual fund support, 10 strategies to enhance awareness and participation in the Rotary Foundation, 8 measures to gauge success in goals, increases Polio Plus support, increase and improve District community grant participation.

 Discussion: How to make the grant process more inviting and successful. Ken suggested a positive approach and recognition to clubs that have achieved all the grant requirements. Can or should we cut any of the grant requirements ie: changes in final reports, earlier submission date for MOU and applications so that summer projects can be considered?

Other strategies: improve awareness of the District Foundation Committee to cultivate a succession or future leaders and to cultivate PHS/Estate giving.

Next meeting: Sept. 12, 2021 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted: Susanna Tomlinson, District Secretary