



DISTRICT 7630 ONLINE ZOOM DISTRICT GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2021

Attendees:

PDG Rich Graves	DG Hugh Dawkins	District Grants Chair Robin Broomall
IPDG Steve Capelli	PDG Susan Giove	Judy Price
PDG Bill Ferguson	DGN John Mager	John Nanni
DGE Cliff Berg	Sandra Early	Jerry Holt
Jerry Bilton		

Chair PDG Rich Graves called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Everyone was sent to the Allocation Worksheet that outlined the seven (7) Multi-Club Projects and eight (8) Single-Club Projects.

All committee members submitted their recommended allocations per project ahead of time.

District Grants Chair Robin Broomall explained that we have available \$46,928 but will receive some endowment money. Approximately \$500-\$600 so she is estimating that we will have \$47,500 for District Grants for 21-22 year.

Multi-Club Projects with Notes

Brandywine Naamans - Rotary Day of Service

This is part of a District Project. Judy noted that most clubs will come up with these funds themselves. Would they be upset that these clubs submitted for funds here? Hugh explained that PE training said they could submit for this. They are all aware. Hugh also discouraged PEs from applying for a District Grant for Meals of Hope project.

Christiana - Holiday Gifts for Foster Children

Robin explained that this has been going on for several years. They have a great working relationship with Kohls.

Easton - Law Enforcement & Comm. Collaboration

Robin stated that this application was, sometimes word for word, from Robin's club application from last year. On the other hand, sometimes this application is very vague. Robin wondered who would purchase the van and what the freezers are to be used for? Listed organizations but didn't say how they would participate. Hugh recommended withdrawing due to the many objections. John Mager thinks we need to go back to Reza for clarification and Steve agreed. Bill pointed out that the Easton Club per capita is low and Hugh reminded everyone that it is the second largest club in the District and that can

skew those numbers. Judy pointed out the start and completion dates are not noted, and competitive bidding was not included. Robin will reach out for clarifications.

Middletown Odessa - Rise Against Hunger

Third time applied but COVID prevented the first two times from happening. (Per Capita has been updated on the present sheet.)

Newark - Vented Latrines for School in Cameroon

The payment process has been questioned. They can not set up a separate checking account. The money will be sent directly to the contractor. No competitive bids received as this was the only contractor in the area and Samba Tata has dealt with him for several years.

Newark Morning - Support Camp Fairlee

This project consists of four full scholarship of \$1500 a piece along with Welcome bags for counselors. No questions.

Salisbury - Operation Warm

Purchasing winter coats for children. No questions.

Single-Club Projects with Notes

Lewes Rehoboth - Laptops for Community Center

Susan stated that her club did this projects a few years back. (Susan later concluded that it's been enough time that they would need to get new laptops again.)

Long Neck - Reducing Truancy at Elementary School

Many had problems incentivizing school attendance with money that basically would go to the parents via purchasing of gift cards. Hugh wondered if this is part of the work with the elementary school incentivizing participation in activities. Are they taking a project they've been doing and looking for ways to get it underwritten by the District? Cliff wants to make sure that gift cards are restricted. Robin says that application says they will be for food or gas.

Nanticoke Seaford - Computer Lab for Seaford Library

Judy pointed out that the cost of these computers was much higher than the lap top submission. Competitive bidding is something required in the application. Rich felt these computers were more extensive because they are for a computer lab.

North East - Exercise Stations for Park

Hugh stated that this was similar to what was done in Wilmington.

Rehoboth Beach Sunrise - Day at the Museum for School kids

Robin loves the activity but questions the timing. Approval from RI might be after August. If so, can they still do the activity? (Susan stated that the date is flexible.) The bus driver is a member of a club, and she wants to make sure they will be paid at the same rate that

a non-affiliated driver would get. Susan wanted to share that this is the first step in a long-term involvement with the school and the Boys and Girls Club.

Smyrna Clayton - Bus Inverter Power

To provide freezers that will help food banks deliver food without it defrosting.

So. New Castle County - Supplies for Hope Center (homeless shelter)

The shelter is located in the Sheraton on I95. This club's annual fund giving is zero this year. They are requesting the minimum of \$1,000 and with everyone being reduced this year, this may not be viable this year.

Wilmington - Early Childhood Professional Development

Paying teacher to be part of a Professional Development group. Basically, paying their dues. Jerry added that it gives them access to training.

Rich then shared this screen that Jerry Holt put together:

PROJECT	PER CAPITA IN 2019-20/20-21	PROJECT SIZE	REQUEST	Recommended	Rotarian involvement	Project well defined	impact clearly defined	Impact beyond 21.22	Publicity "robust"	NonRotarian support
Rotary Day of Service	111/271	14,000	5,000	4,000	Strong	Yes	Yes	None	Some	Not clear
Holiday Gifts for Foster Children	150/36	13,000	5,000	4,000	Medium	Yes	Yes	None	Medium	Some
Law Enforcement & Comm. Collaboration	60/80	6,250	5,000	4,000	Strong	Yes	Yes	Some	High	Yes
Rise Against Hunger	63/47	15,500	5,000	4,000	Strong	Yes	Yes	None	High	Some
Vented Latrines for School in Cameroon	295/147	11,000	5,000	4,000	Medium	Yes	Yes	Yes	Medium	Unclear
Support Camp Fairlee	295/319	7,500	5,000	4,000	Small	Yes	Yes	None	Medium	None
Operation Warm	119/136	9,350	5,000	4,000	Strong	Yes	Yes	Yes	High	Yes
Laptops for Community Center	163/272	5,950	4,760	4,260	Medium	Yes	Yes	Yes	Medium	Some
Reducing Truancy at Elementary School	285/45	5,000	4,000	0	Not clear	Yes	Yes	Unknown	Not clear	None
Computer Lab for Seaford Library	73/117	5,195	4,000	3,500	Slight	Yes	Yes	Yes	Slight	None
Exercise Stations for Park	78/173	8,509	5,000	3,000	Medium	Yes	Somewhat	Yes	Slight	Not clear
Day at the Museum for School kids	236/111	2,975	2,380	0	Medium	Yes	Somewhat	None	Medium	None
Bus Inverter Power	185/198	3,860	3,089	3,089	Medium	Yes	Yes	Yes	Medium	Some
Supplies for Hope Center (homeless shelter)	123/0	1,250	1,000	1,000	Small	Somewhat	Somewhat	Some	Medium	Some
Early Childhood Professional Development	186/151	4,830	3,864	3,864	Small	Yes	Yes	Yes	High	Not clear
			Sum recommended	46,713						
			114,169	63,093	46,928					
				available now						

Judy wondered if the project involving multiple clubs gets a more favorable level and Robin explained that in the Grant Management Seminar in the Spring, they are told that multi-club projects are given priority.

Robin explained that to take the requested level to the available funds, requests would have to be reduced by approximately 25%. No project can be given less than \$1,000.

There were recommendations to remove Long Neck and Southern New Castle County. Bill Ferguson expressed the Cameroon project as it seems it will take away from our community. Seems like more of a Global Grant project. Robin explained that we are allowed to fund it through District Grants.

Robin took the money that she recommended to go to Long Neck and Southern New Castle and distributed it equally among the multi-club projects except for Easton. She allocated \$2,000 to Easton and after receiving clarification on the questions we have, if we decide to pull that project, that \$2,000 can be divided out and awarded to the single-club projects.

Jerry Bilton made a motion to approve the allocations as Robin outlined below including the additional funds to be allocated to Single Club Projects. John Nanni seconded it. Unanimously approved.

M/S	PRIMARY CLUB	PROJECT	AWARDED					
M	Brandywine Naamans	Rotary Day of Service	4,500					
M	Christiana	Holiday Gifts for Foster Children	4,500					
M	Easton	Law Enforcement & Comm. Collaboration	2,000					
M	Middletown Odessa	Rise Against Hunger	4,500					
M	Newark	Vented Latrines for School in Cameroon	4,500					
M	Newark Morning	Support Camp Fairlee	4,500					
M	Salisbury	Operation Warm	4,500					
S	Lewes Rehoboth	Laptops for Community Center	3,760					
S	Long Neck	Reducing Truancy at Elementary School						
S	Nanticoke Seaford	Computer Lab for Seaford Library	3,000					
S	North East	Exercise Stations for Park	4,000					
S	Rehoboth Beach Sunrise	Day at the Museum for School kids	2,080					
S	Smyrna Clayton	Bus Inverter Power	2,790					
S	So. New Castle County	Supplies for Hope Center (homeless shelter)	0					
S	Wilmington	Early Childhood Professional Development	2,870					
			47,500					
			available now					
			Additional \$ Amounts to be allocated to the Single Club Projects.					

Robin will not send notices until she hears about the endowment funds from the Foundation. She will contact the two that were withdrawn right away and will contact Easton ASAP. Answers from Easton will be shared with the committee before a decision is made.

See most everyone on the **21st** (not the 15th as stated) for the Foundation Committee Meeting!

The meeting was adjourned by PDG Rich at 10:40 p.m.

Footnote:

On June 30 Robin spoke with Reza from Easton club about their application.

Star Democrat will be providing the van for the project, the other organizations are also quite enthusiastic about the project and will provide additional financial and volunteer support as well as publicity. After Reza answered her questions quite satisfactorily, Robin suggests the Easton club still be awarded the \$2000 as proposed.