



**Rotary Club of Old Pueblo (Tucson)  
Foundation Board of Directors Special Meeting  
October 20, 2020  
Teleconference via Zoom**

**Attendance**

Board Members Present: Sarah LoRang, Pat Kerr, Dante Archangeli, Sam Behrend, Beth Dannheim, Karen Riddle, Keith Ganske (by email responses)

Board Members Absent: David Baker, Mark Crum, Shannon Marty, Diane Goodyear-Ventura, Jesse Andre

**Minutes**

A special meeting of the Old Pueblo Rotary Foundation Board of Directors (Foundation) was called to order by its President Sarah LoRang at 1:23 p.m. Having established a quorum, the following action was taken by appropriate motion being duly made, seconded, and adopted by a majority vote of the Board Members entitled to vote.

1. The Foundation held an impromptu meeting to consider a request from the Old Pueblo Rotary Club (OPR) to match funds raised by OPR for "Handbags of Hope," a District 5500 project. Attached is an information paper regarding OPR's participation in Handbags of Hope.

- Motion: To have the Foundation match OPR Club funds, up to \$1000.00, for contribution to Handbags of Hope.
- Motion By: Pat Kerr
- Seconded By: Dante Archangeli
- Carried or Defeated: The motion carried unanimously for the Foundation to donate \$1000.00 in conjunction with OPR for a total of \$2000 in funds to Handbags for Hope.

2. Prior to the motion carrying unanimously, there was clarification regarding the amount of OPR funds raised and the amount for the Foundation to match. Sarah stated OPR received a total of \$750.00 in donations consisting of \$600.00 in square payments and three personal checks in the amount of \$50.00 each, two of which are pending receipt and deposit by OPR. Sarah also explained that René Ground, OPR Service Project Leader for Handbags of Hope, pledged 40 bags in total and not 20 bags. OPR selected the Primavera Foundation and Casa de Los Ninos to receive its donated handbags and René arranged for 20 bags per agency with an estimate cost of \$50.00 per bag. It therefore was noted the current OPR donation amount is short \$250 to meet its commitment. Beth stated that in addition to her personal donation, she will donate \$125.00 from her agency, the Beth Dannheim Agency, Inc., and have American Family match her donation. These latter donations provided the needed \$250.00.

3. Next, and again prior to the motion carrying unanimously, there was discussion about whether Handbags for Hope is an appropriate service project to receive Foundation funds. Dante posed a question about strategic planning and decision

making versus ad hoc decisions to support service projects. Sarah expressed that given the impact of COVID, the Foundation and OPR has focused on COVID related projects as they materialized. Once things return to normal, the Foundation and OPR will return to long-term service project planning focused on the working poor. Beth also explained that domestic violence has increased with the presence of COVID and has impacted local shelters. Thus, Handbags for Hope is a COVID-related service project. Lastly, there was clarification regarding soliciting versus requesting nominal donations. Sarah explained that members do not solicit or tell organizations we will provide them a donation. We simply present organizations an opportunity to speak to and educate OPR and its members regarding the organization and its missions, and if an organization requests a donation then OPR considers the specific request. After all discussions concluded, a motion was made and carried as detailed above.

4. Adjournment: The President thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

## **Handbags of Hope**

Old Pueblo Rotary Club is participating in the “Handbags of Hope,” a D5500 project. This project provides handbags filled with basic hygiene supplies for women escaping domestic violence or leaving other dangerous, unhealthy situations. We have selected Primavera Foundation and Casa de Los Ninos to receive handbags from Old Pueblo Rotary, with the goal of providing each agency with 20 new totes filled with hygiene items including shampoo, lotion, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, socks, hand sanitizer, socks, shower shoes, shower cap, deodorant, etc.

René Ground will purchase the totes and most of the supplies. 1SG Dana Rothstein, potential new Rotary member, will arrange a “stuff the totes” event for interested Rotarians and then arrange delivery of the filled totes. Dana is the First Sergeant for the local U.S. Army Recruiting Company; she will enlist volunteer support from her fellow recruiters and will also arrange donations for shower shoes (flip flops) and dental hygiene items. Thank you, Dana!

We estimate the cost of each filled tote to be \$50; our goal is to raise \$2,000 for 40 totes.

We plan to deliver these filled bags to the agencies before Thanksgiving, so please donate now (or by October 27) so we have time to purchase all the items, stuff the totes and make delivery before November 25.

Please donate to this project through this link:

<https://saguaro-tucson-rotary-club-foundation.square.site/product/handbags-for-hope/31?cs=true>

Thanks for your continuous support,

René Ground  
Service Project Leader  
Handbags of Hope  
Old Pueblo Rotary Club