

Rotary Foundation Funding Alternatives

Background

- On May 11th, an informational review of the Rotary Foundation and Paul Harris Award processes was presented to the club as a program.
- There was discussion of possible changes to how the Club may wish to fund and account for donations to the Rotary Foundation.
- A summary of options is provided below. Additional options may come up between now and the next Business Meeting where an approach may be finalized.

The Club's Funding Objective

- For a number of years, the club has maintained a level of support to the Rotary Foundation of at least \$100 per member.
- There is general consensus that this level of support be maintained. The question is if the club wishes to change how we do it.

Alternatives Discussed

- 1. Budget Program Continue current process but budget for it
 - Each Rotary Year the Club would budget \$100/member to be paid to the Rotary Foundation.
 - Once per year the Foundation Chair would request a Check from the Treasurer to be paid to the Foundation.
 - The Foundation Chair would submit the check with Paul Harris points allocated to each member's RI record.
 - Members would continue to make their own donations at their discretion via conscience fines, direct donations, or other means and accrue Paul Harris points accordingly.
- 2. Dues Program Put the \$100/member donation into the Club Dues
 - As part of annual club dues, each member would pay the Club \$100 and the club would write one check to the Rotary Foundation.
 - The Foundation Chair would submit the check with Paul Harris points allocated to each member's RI record.
 - Members could continue to make additional donations at their discretion via conscience fines, direct donations, or other means and accrue Paul Harris points accordingly.
- 3. Matching Program Club Matches Member Donations \$ for \$
 - Members make one-time or multiple contributions at their discretion to the foundation with a suggested total of \$50 per year (about a \$1 per week) and the Club matches that from general funds to achieve a total of \$100 per member.
 - The Foundation Chair would submit the check with Paul Harris points allocated to each member's RI record at 2x what they personally contributed (to reflect the match)
 - If the Club comes up short of \$100/member by Rotary Year End the Club would make-up the difference from general funds.
- 4. Other Options as the membership may suggest prior to the business meeting.

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