**Grants Subcommittee Web Meeting**

**Monday, May 6**

**7:00 – 9:00 CDT**

Present:

Dave Gottenborg

Herb Schmidt

Kari Shea

Roly Turner

Ward Nelson

Rick Bricker

Dave Smette

Elaine Hanson

Jim McDonald

Blake Crosby

Mike Cochran

Craig Loughery

7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Dave Gottenborg. Roll call completed.

Chairman Dave discussed the purpose of this meeting is to go over and approve or deny the grant applications that have come in as of March 30. This is for the 2013/14 funding year. He did state that if there is missing information, the mentors will be directed to follow up with the clubs.

Roly reminded us that the grants must meet the mission of Rotary Foundation which is: *to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.*

When voting started, Roly requested that regular committee members be called on first and then district leaders, so as not to unduly influence the vote.

As of tonight:

* We have request for $62,581.99 for grant money.
* We will have a balance of $65,190 in grants available for distribution.
* It is cautioned to us and mentors and clubs, that even if they are approved tonight, this is only one in three steps before they can start the project.
* Before funds can be distributed, TRF has to approve our funding plan which will be done at the May 18 face to face meeting in Grand Rapids.
* Funds from TRF must be deposited in our account before Elaine can write a check.

**Project 14.1.02 DG RYLA Bemidji, for $8950**

Motion to approve: Herb Schmidt

Second: Dave Smette

Discussion:

* Question regarding if this is a roundabout way to fund Rotaract. Dave G checked with the Rotary Foundation and the author. It is a different age group, for startup costs. TRF did not have a problem with it.
* Is this funding salaries to hire a consultant? No, it is like contracted labor which is okay.

For the Mentor:

* The project needs start and end dates.
* Check with consultant to see if the curriculum can be shared with other groups at no cost.

Motion: Blake Crosby to table request

Died for lack of second

Clarification: the original motion by Herb is invalid due to his not being on the 2013/14 committee.

Motion to approve pending clarification on whether the curriculum is available to other people and groups: Dave Smette

Second: Jim McDonald

No further discussion.

Roll Call vote: 9 aye; 0 nay; motion carried.

**14.1.03 DG Fairlawn Mansion Superior Sunrise for $677.33**

Motion to approve pending the club agreeing to provide some sort of PR or Rotary recognition of the project: Jim McDonald

Second: Ward Nelson

Discussion:

* Discussed if all club presidents have to sign, clarification from TRF is only lead club president has to sign.

Roll Call Vote: 9 aye; 0 nay; motion carried

**14.1.04 DG Regent School Africa Fort William for $4237.66**

Motion to approve: Dave Smette

Second: Rick Bricker

Discussion:

* This area of the world seems to have lots of funding needs and could this be a global grant? At this time, it is too small of a funding project for that.
* Further projects could be combined to request global grant funds.

Roll Call Vote: 9 ayes; 0 nay; motion carried.

**14.1.05 DG Natural Play Space Fosston for $5,000**

Motion to approve: Jim McDonald

Second: Blake Crosby

Discussion:

* Some blanks on the financial information sections. The numbers did add up, however.

Roll Call Vote: 9 ayes; 0 nay; approved.

**14.1.06 DG Alpine Club Harbortown for $2842**

Motion to approve: Jim McDonald

Second: Blake Crosby

Discussion: No concerns

Roll Call Vote: 9 ayes; 0 nay, approved.

**14.1.07 DG The Learning Tree International Falls for $1875**

Motion to approve: Blake Crosby

Second: Ward Nelson

Discussion:

* Question on how many kids could be served, answer was reflected in how many served in 2012: 202
* For the Mentor:
  + Be sure the club understands the importance of keeping receipts, there will be a lot of them and will be needed later.

Roll Call Vote: 9 ayes, 0 nay; approved.

**14.1.08 DG Ukraine Day Camp Fosston for $5,000**

Motion to approve: Jim McDonald

Second: Roly Turner

Discussion:

* Question on if this is measurable and sustainable, the program has been going since 1997
* The group is trying to get others to fund the project also.
* For the Mentor:
  + Be very clear to them that we cannot fund the same project year after year, this is it.

Roll Call Vote: 9 ayes, 0 nay; approved

**14.1.09 DG International Peace Plaza Duluth Club 25 for $15,000**

Motion to approve: Rick Bricker

Second: Dave Smette

Discussion:

* Question on if this meets the mission; it was agreed that it does.
* Additional information, the city of Duluth has put in about $200K which is not reflected in the grant application.
* This grant was submitted prior under DSG and we did not have funds for that so they are resubmitting this year under District Grants.
* Some signatures were missing but are on the original paperwork for the DSG.
* For the Mentor:
  + Signatures should be transferred to the new grant application.

Roll Call Vote: 9 ayes; 0 nay; approved.

**14.1.10 DG Gazebo Jamestown for $5000**

Motion to approve: Jim McDonald

Second: Blake Crosby

Discussion:

* There is no MOU on file. They were at the grants management seminar at the conference, it is a matter of getting the MOU on file.
* For the Mentor:
  + See that the MOU is on file with Diane and Dave G and Roly.

Roll call vote: 8 aye; 1 abstain; 0 nay; motion approved.

**14.1.11 DG Tennis Courts Perham for $5000**

Motion to approve: Jim McDonald

Second: Blake Crosby

Discussion:

* Question on time frame, this must be completed in the funding window.
* Discussion that the club wants to start this soon; warning that they must wait until the funds are in from TRF.

Roll Call Vote: 9 aye; 0 nay; motion approved.

**14.1.12 DG Staples Flagpoles for $4000**

Motion to approve: Rick Bricker

Second: Blake Crosby

Discussion:

* This was initially filed under request for funds with DSS; no funding available so it is coming back under DG.
* Cooperating organization is not listed.
* Question regarding if Rotary involvement is strong enough, it is.

Roll Call Vote: 9 aye; 0 nay; motion approved.

**14.1.13 Mesabi Bike Trail Virginia for $5000**

Motion to approve $4448.44: Craig Loughery

Second: Rick Bricker

Discussion:

* TRF limits funding for Rotary signage to $500. It doesn’t matter if it very small signs that exceed $500, it is the total for the project. Therefore, it was decided to remove all but $500 of the funds listed for signage. The club is free to use their own funds for the difference if they choose.

Roll Call Vote: 9 aye; 0 nay; motion approved.

Next Meeting:

May 18 Grand Rapids Timberline Lodge

* Agenda will include discussion regarding putting aside contingency funding. We can put aside up to 3%, and if a project does not come through, those funds can also be put aside.
* Agenda will include discussion on the grant application forms, what needs to be added, deleted, changed.
  + It is suggested to discuss putting the TRF Mission Statement on the application and ask the applicant how their project meets this mission.
  + It is suggested to put a statement on the Rotary involvement on the application.
* A spending plan will be completed and submitted to RI
* Roly will send out agenda and discussion points prior to meeting.
* Discuss criteria for World Community Service funds

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 CDT.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kari Shea,

Acting Secretary