

DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 23, 2023

Present:

Teree Bergman, Stewardship Chair
Barbara Kiernan, Grants Subcommittee Chair
Audrey Tolouian, District Grant Chair
Sally Montagne, Grant Advisor
Pat Patton, District International Service Chair
Michael Drake, PolioPlus & PolioPlus Society
Les Orchekowski, Paul Harris Society/Triple Crown Donors
DGND Emma Carillo, Annual Fund
Hank Huisking, Endowment Fund/ Major DonorS
Kay Pairo, RLA
Fatima Smith, RLA

Committee Reports:

Foundation Chair Report: Kristi's goal for the next 3 years is to create more of a giving culture in our district and to increase participation in Grants Projects – both global grants and district grants. Other items:

- Change to the District website: 1. drop-down menu on the homepage. 2. established a TRF Chair Toolkit page that has links to Foundation contribution forms, enrollment forms, brochures and video links.
- Quarterly Newsletter: Foundation Quarterly Newsletter will go to all Rotarians. If you have any articles for our Winter newsletter, please get them to me by the first week of December.
- Club Program: we will be working on a stable of Foundation programs, so clubs will have access to them year-round. If any of you have programs that you give, and/or are interested in helping on this committee, please let me know.
- We had an outstanding presence at District Conference.
 - 4 breakouts on service projects;
 - reports at a Plenary Session on Polio and the Ride to end Polio;
 - Laura Mello, our Major Gifts Officer from RI had a question/answer session at Saturday breakfast and
 - Shirley Grace, our Zone 26 Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator was our keynoter at Saturday dinner. At the dinner, our newest Arch Klumph Donors Joe and Mickey Pennington were recognized and thanked for their generosity.
 - We had a big booth at the house of Friendship with information on the PolioPlus Society, and all the various funds and programs of the Foundation. We had large posterboards with the names of our Triple Crown Donors, Major Donors and Bequest Society members to thank them for their support and plant seeds in other Rotarian's heads as they read through them.

Global Grants: D5500 is finally compliant with RI, after the Final Report was finally submitted by the Nogales club from the WASH project with Saddlebrooke RC. There are two Global Grant projects in the works: one in Senegal and one in Mexico. The committee continues to create infrastructure and mentorship with the Grant Resource Team to help clubs get more involved with Global Grants.

District Grants: We have 14 district grants approved so far this year and have just opened up Round 2. (Note: We have \$10,000 left in District Grant funds) The Yuma club had a grant to improve a building they used on the County Fair Grounds but it was rejected by RI as to much of a conflict of interest by the club. They are now putting another project together.

International Service Projects: Pat has been going around and visiting clubs and is doing a survey on projects, getting an inventory and potential partnering between clubs.

Ride to End Polio: Kirk invited committee members to the Pre-Ride Dinner with Rotary CEO/General Secretary John Hewko on Friday evening , November 17 at Brother John's on Stone Ave north of Speedway. The price for a great meal is \$45. Sign ups are at www.poloride.org. It's open to everyone interested in defeating polio. Results of our fundraising will be available around December 1st.

PolioPlus: We have \$15,000 in donations to PolioPlus so far this year; we got 15 news members to the PolioPlus Society at District Conference which now makes to total 100. The Celebrate World Polio Day Zoom was a great program on October 21st . Participation was disappointing but the program was recorded and we will be putting the interviews on a new PolioPlus webpage for clubs to access; the ride to End Polio is November 18th – total raised so far it \$63M; and finally Brad Howard is organizing an NID to India from February 26-March 6, 2024.

Paul Harris Society: It would be nice to have a TRF Thought of the Week in the Impact; It also would be nice to be able to chat with Assistant Governors on club giving. Steve John's holds the AG meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Annual Fund: Emma will be starting to work on the Annual Fund, as proceeds to the Annual Fund this year will come back as grant funds when she is District Governor.

The Committee agreed to approving up to \$40,000 of DDF to be used to pledge on projects at the USA Mexico Friendship Conference & Global Grant Exchange.