

Date: September 8, 2017

Rotary District 5440 Executive Committee

Time: 8:00 am

Location: Teleconference

MEETING MINUTES

Members	Role/Position	Present	Members	Role/Position	Present	Others Present
Bryan Cooke	PDG Rep (2016-2018)	P	Karen Trusler	District Trainer	A	
Bill Emslie	DG	P	Jim Epstein	Ex-Officio/DRFC	P	
Morrison Heth	PDG Rep (2017-2019)	A	Teresa Mueller	Ex-Officio/ Treasurer	A	
Philip Murphy	PDG Chair (2017-2018)	A	Kellie Tovar	Ex-Officio/Secretary	P	
Barbara Redder	Chair/PDG	P	Chris Woodruff	Ex-Officio/DGN	A	
Chuck Rutenberg	DGE	P				

P=Present A=Absent

AGENDA/TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION PLAN	Open/ Closed
Call to order at 8:04 am by Chairman Barbara Redder	We do have a quorum for today's meeting. Chairman Barbara Redder asked DG Bill Emslie to give a summary of the purpose of this meeting.		
1. Emergency Relief – Hurricane Harvey	<p>DG Bill Emslie stated that immediately after Hurricane Harvey he started getting input from Betty Ramirez-Lara in District 5930 which is to the south of Houston. This was the first request to come in and we did put it on our website as an immediate way to help. Since then an RI Gulf Coast Relief Donor Advised Fund has been established. He's been tracking DG classmates and everyone is doing something. Discuss was held on responses from other Districts to this point as well as some feedback he's received directly from clubs in our District. DG Bill Emslie talked with the crisis response team, Mike Forney, Mo Heth and Michael Wailes. See attached Disaster Relief Plan for further information.</p> <p>Discussion was held on this disaster relief plan</p>	<p>DG Bill Emslie moved to send \$5,000 from this year's District Governor contingency budget and \$10,000 from District excess funds to the Gulf Coast Relief Donor Advised Fund and to make \$10,000 DDF available for Global and/or District Grants for hurricane relief long term projects for any hurricanes this Rotary year. If there is \$3,000 in a natural disaster fund still available from previous years that would be earmarked for hurricane relief without specifying at this time how it would be used.</p> <p>DGE Chuck Rutenberg seconded.</p>	C

	<p>including the impact of future disasters, goals on giving, how to give, how to encourage clubs to give and the impact of giving to disaster relief efforts on the TRF annual fund.</p> <p>DGE Chuck Rutenberg stated \$25,000 is a lot to draw out of reserves for one disaster especially when there are more disasters coming in the immediate future.</p> <p>Chairman Barbara Redder asked DRFC Jim Epstein to let the committee know where we stand with DDF this Rotary year. Jim stated we have \$130,000 in the DDF account of which \$82,000 are approved and requested grants, we have \$15,000 designated for scholarships and \$20,000 for Polio so we've committed almost \$120,000 out of the \$130,000. There may not be scholarships completed and/or projects so there may be a little more money left in DDF. PDG Bryan Cooke suggested leveraging the \$10,000 from DDF to put out a match challenge to clubs. Jim Epstein noted that DDF can be used but only for projects in either a global or district grant not for direct giving to a 501(c)3.</p> <p>PDG Bryan Cooke reminded everyone of PDG Ken Small's focus on raising funds for WASH at his conference. No one is aware of how those funds were distributed or if they are still available. Chairman Barbara Redder will follow-up with PDG Small and see if they are available to use for these efforts and if PDG Small would want to do that.</p> <p>PDG Bryan Cooke suggested taking \$10,000 from excess funds, \$10,000 from DDF and work with that as a start. Further discussion as held on what configuration to use from funds.</p> <p>Chairman Barbara Redder commented that about \$3,000 raised for natural disasters in the past was</p>	<p>Barb asked for further discussion. PDG Bryan Cooke commented that using our District 501(c)3 we could ask for tax deductible matching funds, DGE Chuck Rutenberg stated there is a 501(c)3 available for the Houston District for direct fund contributions that will give them a tax deduction. DG Bill Emslie stated he was thinking of asking for a minimum contribution to relief efforts and anything over and above that then the District would make a match but he also feels that the clubs are going to give whether we offer a match or not. Everyone agreed with that. DRFC Jim Epstein stated DDF Can only be used for projects not donations to a 501(c)3. Jim also asked DG Bill to ask for project ideas from classmates that we could send out to clubs and/or post on our website to give clubs a starting point on who to work with on a project. Bill will encourage that and also put it on matchinggrants.org. Hearing no further discussion Chairman Barbara Redder asked for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>DG Bill Emslie will follow-up with PDG Dave Scriven about donations possibly coming to the District Foundation. He will also follow-up with Joni on the \$3,000 raised for natural disasters in the past. PDG Barb Redder will follow-up with PDG Ken Small on his silent</p>	
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	never spent. Perhaps that money could also be earmarked for hurricane relief.	auction proceeds possibly supporting these efforts if they have not already been distributed.	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned 8:42 am.		