

MINUTES OF DISTRICT 5580 GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

TELECONFERENCE APRIL 1, 2009 – 7:15 P.M. CDST.

Chair Keith Brokke called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Committee Members Present:

Keith Brokke	DGS Chair – FM Rotary Club
Suzanne Pehl	Wahpeton Rotary Club
Steve Arbour	Grand Rapids Centennial Rotary Club
Karl Wahl	Thunder Bay (Fort William) Rotary Club
Herb Schmidt	FM-AM Rotary Club
Tully Chambers	District Governor – Wahpeton Rotary Club
Roly Turner	DG Nominee/ DGS Advisor Thunder Bay (Port Arthur)

Other Participants Present:

PDG Al Watrel	2009-2010 D5580 Foundation Chair, Bismarck R.C.
Joy Wezelman	Bismarck Rotary Club

Committee Members Absent:

Ajoy Chatterjee	District Governor-elect, Thunder Bay (Fort William) R.C.
Claudette Holly	District Foundation Chair
Janet Green	Detroit Lakes Rotary Club
Mel Tangen	Breckenridge Rotary Club
Clyde Frank	Dickinson Rotary Club
Jon Helstrom	Duluth 25 Rotary Club

Chair Keith opened the meeting by discussing the purpose of the meeting, referring to e-mail messages sent to members earlier. He explained that due the TRF moratorium on grants, three projects had had not been funded. There were now three options open to the Grants Committee:

1. To let the projects sit until the moratorium is lifted and then re-apply.
2. To withdraw the projects altogether.
3. Move the projects forward to completion by using DDF funds during the current Rotary year.

The projects in question are:

1. **#09.1.05** (MG68423) Electric Wiring for the House of Protection, Merida, Mexico from the Duluth 25 Rotary Club. Keith informed the subcommittee that this project was funded with WCS funds when TRF initially rejected this application due to nonconformance with TRF policy, so he wrote to TRF and advised them to please ***withdraw this project from further consideration***.
2. **#09.1.07** (MG68799) Water Wells Project, Kipanga, Tanzania, FM Rotary Clubs. This project had received approval for \$4,000 in D5580 DDF funding and was requesting \$5,982 in TRF funding (which would be included under the D5580 DDF funding if the DGS was in agreement).
3. **#09.3.16** (MG 69734) Korean Ambulance, Wahpeton rotary Club. Tully Chambers noted that this project had received prior approval of \$3,600 in D5580 DDF funding and was requesting \$17,800 in TRF matching funds (these funds would now come from the excess DDF funds D5580 is carrying forward. DG Tully also noted that extra funds had been collected . . . a total of \$6,300 pledged by the area clubs associated with the project. \$5,000 was coming from the Korean Rotary Club, and \$10,000 from their District. TRF had been asked for \$17,000.

There was consensus that D5580 should use DDF funds to complete these projects rather than wait for the next Rotary year (after August 1, 2009). By funding these projects, there would still be approximately \$137,000 left in the District DDF Fund.

MOVED BY Steve Arbour, SECONDED BY Roly Turner, “that District 5580 DDF funds be used to complete funding for Projects **#09.1.07** (MG68799), and **#09.3.16** (MG69734) during the current rotary year”

CARRIED.

NOTE: On April 10, 2009, TRF contacted Richard Geiselhart of the Wahpeton Rotary to inform him that the only thing lacking with the matching grant (MG69734) was a replacement signature for a Rotarian who no longer was a member of Wahpeton Rotary. Once this was completed, Mr. Geiselhart was notified that the grant was approved as submitted. Therefore, using D5580 DDF funds for #09.3.16 will not be necessary.

District Governor-elect Ajoy Chatterjee sent word (through Karl Wahl) that \$3,000 from DF funds had been received and have been sent to RI in Chicago to be used for Project **#08.7.18** (MG68405), Guskara India.

Chair Keith advised everyone that SHARE funds available as of March 23, 2008 were \$166,383.78 and promised to send corrected and updated financial records via e-mail to reflect latest changes in the DDF fund and in the balances remaining for the Grants Committee funds.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Steve Arbour, "that the meeting adjourn, at 7:37PM CDST"

Minutes by Karl Wahl