

Minutes of January 30, 2008 District 5580 Rotary Foundation Grants Subcommittee Teleconference Meeting

The teleconference meeting of District 5580 Rotary Foundation Grants Subcommittee (RFGS) was called to order by Chair Keith Brokke at 1917 Hrs. CST. Those participating were as follows:

Keith Brokke	Chair, RFGS, Fargo Moorhead AM RC
Jerry Larson	Vice Chair, RFGS, Nipigon RC
Clyde Frank	Member, Dickinson RC
Doug Murphy	Member, Fargo Moorhead AM RC
Mel Tangen	Member, Breckenridge RC
Claudette Holly	TRF District Chair, Walker RC
Jim Ozbun	District Governor, Dickinson RC
Robert Chambers	District Governor Elect, Wahpeton RC
Ajoy Chatterjee	District Governor Nominee, Thunder Bay (Fort William) RC
Suzanne Pehl	Member 2008-2009, Wahpeton RC
Jon Jennings	Member 2008-2009, Bismarck RC

Regrets

Janet Green	Member, Detroit Lakes RC
Jon Jennings	Member 2008-2009, Bismarck RC

The agenda had been received by all members prior to the meeting and was approved.

Old Business and Adoption of Minutes

As the minutes of the previous meeting had been edited and circulated with three substantial omissions Jerry Larson reviewed those sentences that were removed.

Motion by DG Jim Ozbun, seconded by TRFD Chair Holly to approve the minutes of November 17, 2007 with the omissions corrected and the motion CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report

District Treasurer Bill Gravelle reports that as of December 31, 2007, the WCS Account Balance is \$52,288.83.

District Designated funds are considered by this committee when approving matching grants that will go to the Rotary Foundation, therefore we should also know what the balance is in this account and what is available. DRF Chair Claudette Holly will get this information. Information obtained. Balance of Uncommitted District Designated Funds (Share) as of January 30, 2008 is \$195,778.91. The District Simplified Grant #65604 has not been paid out of this as yet and when this is done the balance will be \$171,778.91.

Review Interim Reports

07.1.09 Fargo Moorhead AM RC construction of school project in Los Chetes, Guatemala. This report was tabled as a final report from the November 17, 2008 meeting as it was not completed with the windows and doors installed. Keith Brokke states that the windows and doors have now been installed and the costs were borne by the people of the community. This project is still incomplete as a message has been sent to the host club for further photos to be included in a final report.. Motion by Jerry Larson, seconded by DG Jim Ozbun to further table this report to the April 16, 2008 meeting and the motion CARRIED.

07.2.02 Nipigon RC project to install 192 fuel-efficient stoves in El Aguacate, Guatemala. This project has had to be modified to install 110 stoves in El Aguacate. Two other small communities, San Lucas Toliman will receive 42 stoves and Sumpango will receive 40 stoves. This change was agreed to by the Nipigon and Guatemala Norte Rotary Clubs and The Chair of the District 5580 RGSC. Maria E. Emig, Grants Coordinator for D-4250 of the Rotary Foundation approved this change on January 18, 2008. Stoves should begin to be installed in El Aguacate in early February. Motion by to accept this interim report by DG Jim Ozbun, seconded by Mel Tangen and the motion CARRIED (Jerry Larson abstained).

07.3.01 Nipigon RC project in partnership with Canadian Rotary Clubs/Districts and CRCID and led by Ridgeway RC to provide over 500,000 malaria nets in Tanzania. The goal of \$534,000.00 has been reached and three Matching Grants applied for with TRF. Funds beyond the goal now are being put forth toward a fourth matching grant. Two of the grants, one of which the Nipigon Club and District 5580 is part of has been acknowledged and received a Matching Grant Number from TRF but approval by the Board of Trustees TRF is still needed. Motion by DG Jim Ozbun to accept this as an interim report and the motion CARRIED. (Jerry Larson abstained).

Review Final Reports

06.2.02 Nipigon RC secondary school student sponsorship project in El Hato, Guatemala. With no questions a motion was made by DG Jim Ozbun to accept the report as submitted as a final report and the motion CARRIED. (Jerry Larson abstained)

07.1.12 Fargo Moorhead AM RC school expansion and improvement Project (computer lab building and concrete playground area in Zacualpa, Guatemala. DG Jim Ozbun, seconded by DGE Robert Chambers to accept the final report as submitted and the motion CARRIED.

07.1.13 Fargo Moorhead AM RC a two story four classroom school project in Chixocol, Guatemala. Question arose as to who is the NGO group APRODEZA? Chair Keith Brokke answered that they are a group of about 2,100 people in Guatemala that are trying to improve the lives of very impoverished indigenous people in an area of Guatemala where many of the inhabitants suffered a great deal during the Civil War. The communities in this area were very hard hit during the Civil War and thousands in these communities were killed. Motion by Jerry Larson, seconded by DG Jim Ozbun to accept the final report as submitted and the motion CARRIED.

Review New Grant Applications

08.4.10 Fargo Moorhead AM RC project to improve the water supply for the village of Seja, Guatemala. Located at 15 degrees 43 min. N. and 89 degrees 1 min. W. This application was tabled from the previous meeting to answer these questions: Will the water be potable? Could there be leeching from wood in the storage containers making the water toxic or is the project mainly for the transporting of the water? Could Engineers Without Borders be of help here? The value of this project is \$4600.00 with District 5580 providing \$2300.00 and the sponsoring clubs \$2300.00. Chair Keith Brokke reports that wood is non-treated pine. Water will be for drinking, must be boiled but in these villages the people are educated to boil such water if they will use for drinking. Suggestion that signs be posted on the reservoir in the local language warning that the water is not safe to drink. At present because of the lack of clean water it is believed to be causing several skin disease problems and this water brought to the village will serve bathing facilities for both women and children improving the health of the community. Motion by Jerry Larson (using DSG funds, when available), seconded by DGE Robert Chambers to approve this project and the motion CARRIED.

08.5.11 Breckenridge RC project for Youth Substance Abuse education booklet in Wilkin Co. Mel Tangen states that all expenses for this project will be in the first year. The club will provide \$1350.00 in funds and are requesting #1350.00. Moved by DG Jim Ozbun (using DSG funds, when available), seconded by Claudette Holly to approve this project subject to the approval of District Simplified Grant #65604 by The Rotary Foundation. The motion CARRIED. (Mel Tangen abstained).

DRF Chair Claudette Holly will contact TRF to determine when approval of the District Simplified Grant may be expected.

08.5.12 Wahpeton RC and Dickinson RC project to provide library books for Guatemala Schools. The value of this project is \$2500.00 with the sponsoring clubs providing \$1250.00 and District 5580 providing \$1250.00. This is a scaled back version of this project and it is planned to apply for a much larger Rotary Foundation Matching Grant in the new Rotary year 2008-2009. Motion by Jerry Larson (using WCS Funds), seconded by Ajoy

Chatterjee to approve this project and it CARRIED. (DG Jim Ozbun and DGE Robert Chambers abstained)

Inquiries as to potential projects from:

a) Richard Slieter (Brainerd RC) re \$150,000 to build 3 schools over a period of five years in Haiti. Julie Rothmeier AG (Cloquet RC) wishing to know of any project in Haiti.

The request is somewhat unclear as to how much would be requested. The World Community Service Fund is the only District fund that can be applied to for construction and the maximum that can be applied for per project would be \$10,000.00. More information is needed as to the cost in relation to the size of the school. It was felt that each school would have to be applied for on an individual basis. These are projects which may require several clubs to partner.

b) Grand Rapids RC Food Bank Delivery Truck – amount for grant request is \$20,000.00 of total cost of \$110,000.00.

Question arose as to what type of truck? Cost? Much more information needed as to its actual use. This would be a District Simplified Grant and the District only receives in the neighborhood of \$25,000.00 each year for all clubs in the District to use for smaller projects. This could be a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant with District DDF funds but an International partner would be required to apply.

c) Thief River Falls RC has raised \$2500.00 for Polio Plus... would like a DSG match to make total donation \$5000.00???

Chair Keith Brokke advised that this is a non issue for this committee as Chair Gary Nolte of the District Polio Plus committee has already received the cheque from Thief River Falls RC. If the cheque was forwarded to the Rotary Foundation for Polio Plus there will be no further match. If it is forwarded to be applied to Polio Plus Partners for an open project then TRF matches the funds 50 cents on the dollar. Chair Keith Brokke will follow up.

d) Virginia RC would like \$10,200.00 to educate Masauso Mwale of Zambia and allow him to obtain a BS in agriculture so as to help his village grow their own food and sustain the lives of the whole village.

Not an issue for this committee. The Rotary Foundation does not provide humanitarian grants for post secondary education. Post Secondary Education must be applied for under the Ambassadorial Scholarship program.

e) Yeosu City in SE Korea is in need of a basic ambulance (second hand okay). District 3610 (Korea) will build a medical services center to house the ambulance. (Proposed by Tully). No written request has been made but came second hand to DGE Robert Chambers. It would be a TRF Matching Grant if it occurs. This would be a vehicle to transport patients, not an ambulance, as we would know it. The location is in a group of islands in the south of South Korea. The area is very poor and patients would be brought by boat from these islands and then at the landing transferred some distance away to the hospital. Type of vehicle that would be serviceable in Korea would have to be obtained. This is a 'for your information' project at this time and much more information is needed. It is uncertain whether it will come as a formal request. No further action at this time.

f) FM AM RC is looking into furnishing a mobile dental clinic to travel about Nicaragua to offer dental assistance to many in need. This also is in a very preliminary stage but concern is how the mobile clinic would be maintained and operated. This too could be a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant but much more information is still needed.

New WCS Application Form

DRF Chair Claudette Holly presented a revised District form following much the format of the Rotary Foundation application for Matching Grants. Members did make further suggestions and corrections. Motion by DGN Ajoy Chatterjee, seconded by DG Jim Ozburn to adopt the revised form with the suggested corrections and the motion CARRIED

Audit Form for Completed International Projects.

Adopted last meeting. Mel Tangen will add “Add photos where applicable”.

Roly Turner’s suggestions:

a) For first time Rotary Club applications, give a \$2 for \$1 match.

The question arose as to how to determine or define a first time application as clubs are involved as minor partners in larger projects or may have had a grant many years ago. How would you know? DG Jim Ozbun has been promoting projects as he did his visits and we are presently gaining some interest. The topic died for lack of a motion.

b) Allow Rotaract/Interact to sponsor projects and support them in allowing grant applications.

The consensus was that this had merit and that the Rotaract/Interact could take on such projects with grants and we have already had one with the sponsoring Rotary Club taking on the reporting. Motion by DGE Robert Chambers, seconded by DG Jim Ozbun that Rotaract and Interact Clubs are allowed to apply for District grants through and with the support of the sponsoring Rotary Club and the motion CARRIED.

c) Help pay for Rotaract/Interact students in participating on Work Mission Teams (i.e. if a Rotary Club puts up \$250 to send a student District 5580 could match that amount of \$250.00 with WCS monies).

Some question as to the definition of what is a service work team and some feeling that if the club wishes to sponsor the student to some extent this is good but also the student has ways of also earning his passage. An excellent example is the Fargo Moorhead work teams provide the students with coffee from Guatemala that they can sell to help pay for their travel. The topic died for a lack of a motion.

Website Changes

Application and Reporting forms will be put on the website in both PDF and Word formats.

Chair Keith will revise the present use of the Activity Report and this will be in a summarized form with a brief description making the information more understandable.

Minutes of our meetings will go on the website after they have been approved at the following meeting. The agenda for that meeting will be attached to the minutes.

District Simplified Grants

Such grants can consist of several small projects with different clubs as part of the overall grant. Closer management of such grants is needed consistent with the guidelines of “*Best Practices for Managing Your District Simplified Grant.*” Jerry Larson will be the District Simplified Grant Coordinator for DSG # 65604 when approved by TRF.

Mel Tangen suggested committee members be assigned to help clubs with the reporting on the grants. This had been discussed in the past but has never had definite assignments. The following volunteered:

Doug Murphy and Chair Keith Brokke for **08.4.10**, Fargo Moorhead AM RC,

Mel Tangen for **08.5.11**. for Breckenridge RC,

Suzanne Pehl for **08.5.12**. for Wahpeton RC.

Meeting adjourned at 2151 hours CST.

Next meeting will be held by teleconference at 1915, Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

Minutes taken by Jerry Larson