

Rotary Foundation of Media
Board Meeting – December 20, 2016

Members present: Govinda Malya, Nancy Geisel, Dennis Slostad, Bryan Messick, Larry Smoose, Courtney Ballauer, George Beatty

Others Present: Gary Zebrowski (Treasurer); Dan Lievens (Club President)

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was received as presented. Gary noted the financial records have been independently reviewed and that \$18,934.21 is available for grants. There were accounting fees of \$445 and credit card expense of \$30. He also sent a grant for \$825 to fund three Penncrest Interact students for RYLA from the HCI youth leadership account.

Website

Govinda noted that the grant proposal form included on the club website requires being downloaded in order to complete it. Courtney will talk to Virginia about having it on the website in a form that can be completed without downloading it so that it can be completed and submitted directly from the website.

The board agreed that grant requests require submitting the form. They can be submitted anytime, but will be announced on the dates agreed to by the board.

Funding Requests

As of December 19, 2016 status of the following requests is noted. If the request was not on an official proposal form, that form was sent to the key contact.

- Fair Trade - A proposal to introduce fair trade products to the work places of ten places of business of Media Rotary members. Grant request \$1000. The board felt this did not meet the criteria for a grant and declined consideration.
- Aquaponics Greenhouse – a request for \$623.96 will be considered in January.
- Media-Providence Friends School – a request for \$5000 for scholarships for low income students. The committee declined consideration.
- 2017 Penncrest AM prom – a request for \$1000. The board declined consideration as not meeting present grant criteria, but can be re-considered as the board reviews criteria.

- Rose Tree Park Concert Festival – a request for \$750. The board declined consideration as not meeting present grant criteria, but can be re-considered as the board reviews criteria.
- Stop Hunger Now – a request for \$1000 for the Penncrest Interact to sponsor a Stop Hunger Now project to make 10,000 meals. The club will raise an additional \$2000. The board will consider approval at the January meeting.
- Veterans' Legacy – a request for \$1000 to fund the Veterans' Day parade. The request as made does not meet grant criteria, though board members familiar with the overall scope of the legacy project believe some aspects of the program could meet our criteria. It will be reviewed with the presenter.
- Elwyn – no specific amount noted, the purpose is to upgrade their school, which will be a three year project – official grant proposal form not yet received.
- Providence Animal Shelter for \$5000 – waiting for proposal form.

The board noted that a number of funding requests were positive programs that would benefit the visibility of Rotary in our community, but did not meet the present criteria for grants. This is the first year of the new single source funding model, and the board understands that some long-standing donations might not be approved, but also recognized that it might need to look at additional criteria, including community visibility and good will. It is also possible for the club board to look at its operating budget and the need to have funds for important public relations opportunities.

The board will consult with legal counsel to determine the legality of making contributions to organizations that do not have a 501c3 certificate and what limitations are required in making grants to such organizations.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: January 17, 2017 9:00 a.m. at Court Diner. A project approval meeting.

All requests for grants should include the official proposal form (on the club website and available at club meetings) and sent to RotaryFoundationofMedia@gmail.com