



LEBANON COUNTRY FUND

ROTARY CLUBS PRESIDENTS

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Monday Aug 10, 2020

Time: 7:00 PM.

Zoom Meeting host PP Mario Nasard.

Attendance Sheet:

Position / Member	Club
DG Mazen Alumran	District 2452 Governor 2020-2021
PDG Michel Jazzar	Country Fund Chair [Kesrouan]
PDG Jamil Mouawad	Country Fund vice Chair [Zgharta-Zawie]
PP Mario Nazard	Country Fund Treasurer [Baabda]
PP Kamal Katra	Country Fund Honorary Secretary [Metn]
PP Ahmed Hussein	Country Fund Member [Tripoli Maarad]
DDG Samir Constantin	Country Fund Member [Sahel Metn]
1. P. Rita Imad	Metn Gate
2. P. Jihad Feghali	Beirut Cadmos
3. P. Randa Zaouk	Tripoli
4. P. Hagop Dantziguian	Beirut Cedars
5. P. Farid Dahdah	Kesrouan
6. PP Kamal Assaf	Batroun
7. P. Julie Mawad	Zgharta-Zawie
8. P. Imane Jaffal	Tyre Europa
9. P. Doha Halawi	Beirut Metropolitan
10. P. Georges Matta	Beirut Hills Achrafieh
11. P. Samar Jabbour	Metn
PP Rami Sarkis	Assistant Governor [Beirut Cedars]
PP Tony BouNaoum	Assistant Governor [Zahle-Bekaa]
[In red Rotarians may report to their clubs]	13+3=16/28

Agenda:

Time	Item	Presenter
6:00 pm	Greetings	Country Fund Chair PDG Michel Jazzar
6:05 pm	Word from the Governor	DG Mazen Alumran
6:20 pm	Social Media&Online Presence	PDG Michel Jazzar, PAG Kamal Assaf, P Rita Imad

Time	Item	Presenter
6:40 pm	Updates from the Head of Committees	Presidents
6:55 pm	Next Move	PDG Michel Jazzar
7:50 pm	Adjournment	PDG Michel Jazzar

The meeting started at 7:10 pm

1 Introduction:

PDG Michel welcomed District Governor Mazen Alumran from Bahrain who started his word by expressing how glad he was to be present with Rotary clubs from Lebanon who are working together as one team despite all the damage that reached all families. "That's service above self!"

DG Mazen also insisted on the importance of maintaining one image and one voice towards the world: Act as one and centralize your efforts and communications.

He already sent emails to all Districts with the Country Fund account number.

Account Number CFC FOR MONEY TRANSFER FROM OUTSIDE LEBANON

These are the bank account details:

Bank: Bank Audi SAL

Branch: Bab Idriss

City: Beirut

Country: Lebanon

Swift code: AUDBLBXX

Beneficiary: ROTARY ASSOCIATION - LEBANON

Beneficiary's address (required for international transfers): Gedco Center, Horsh Tabet, Sin el Fil, Beirut, Lebanon.

IBAN: LB06 0056 0000 0000 0084 1200 0024

He informed the attendees that Bahrain is sending today a flight of various aids to Lebanon, and that the district Rotaractors are working with Rotaractors in France to collect funds to help the Rotarians in Lebanon to lend a hand to their community.

The USD 25,000 is not enough to do big projects, however DG Mazen said he is working with wealthy people in Bahrain and they already raised USD 15,000 and still working to raise more.

DG Mazen also informed PDG Michel that he is sending a list of the District Team and Country Chairs today to all Rotary Officers in the District and asked to send him the Minutes of Meeting soon in order to report to the District Disaster Relief team and inform Rotary International about the three priorities: Food Boxes, Medical Equipment, Sanitizers and COVID 19 Material

We would like to thank DG Mazen for all his efforts towards the Lebanese Crisis and District. Your involvement and full engagement in all activities is phenomenal!

2 Social Media & Online Presence

Following the call to prioritize our online presence and importance of creating pages on all platforms, we received one quotation from Trending Agency (sent by mail to all)

PDG Michel Jazzar gave the floor to P. Rita Imad to explain this offer and give her opinion.

P Rita Imad explained the content of the quotation and shared that based on our needs, taking the second option offer would fit best since we only need a few posts/month and 2 videos.

PDG Michel asked PAG Kamal Assaf to share with us his opinion on the above. PAG Kamal is convinced we need to outsource this task due to the urgency of the situation and the need to have focused attention to the pages, but insisted that we don't need the whole services. Some tasks could be done by one of us and the rest by the agency.

Concerning online Fundraising Options, P Rita is contacting Web Designers who can open one page dedicated for this cause and has specific amounts mentioned on that page and linked directly to the County Fund Account.

In that matter, PP Ahmad Hussein mentioned that there is a company that we can receive donations through: GOFUNDING which Rotaractors are working with right now.

Rita added that based on her research, we need a trusted Rotarian/entity from Rotary from other countries from either UK, Canada, France... a list of specified countries in order to open a 'Gofunding' account.

PP Ahmad Hussein argued that, even if so, this is doable, but using this website we can receive donations in small amounts and less commission.

P Rita will check with Rotaractors and agency on this matter and get back to PDG Michel.

PDG Michel emphasized that before we receive any funds from these countries, and districts, we need to make sure that whatever we choose, we need to make sure that by the end of the day we can get a statement of account listing all donors and the source of the money, especially that we are afraid that Israeli clubs would send aids as this would create a big problem that we can avoid by being alert. We have to make sure the money is safe and traceable

PDG Jamil Mouawad, Coordinator of Zone 2B, agreed on that as well.

DG Mazen intervened to assure everyone that he's conscious about this matter, and thus did not send any information about the aid to Lebanon to Israeli Districts.

II-Find a Rotary-Rotaract Coordinator

As for the coordinator between Rotarians and Rotaractors, PP Ayman Chehayeb/Metn Gate was chosen after the meeting by PDG Michel and he agreed to handle this.

Communications now are being held to find an intersecting point between our projects and that of Rotaractors.

Glimpse of what has been decided in previous Meeting:

3 Updates from the Head of Committees

A-Food Boxes

P Hagop Dantziguian has conducted a research, coordinated with P Doha, and contacted many volunteers to understand better what is needed at the moment when it comes to Food (cooked/boxes).

He found out that at the moment, it's not much needed as all other NGOs and families are contributing in that area which ended up by almost overdoing it. Given the above, and the cost of meal 30,000/meal, he took a decision to take a step back **at the moment** until the need rises up again and advised to focus on other areas in the meantime.

B-Medical Supplies

1-Medicine

P Rita Imad got the final prices of the medicine needed from a local supplier who can provide to up to 5000 units from every item.

But given the prices, she found similar products that are cheaper (their generic), reduced the quantities to half and even so, three of the products listed ended up being over our overall budget.

As such, she asked if we have cash money, because that way we can exchange in the black market on the rate of 7500 LBP (or so) and buy the products, because the supplier accepts payments in LBP on the 1500 rate, and the pricing was based on MOH price list-given that he will stamp the products with "DONATIONS".

2-Consummables (from abroad)

a-Funds:

P Rita suggested that the procedure that could centralize things is as follows:

Open an account where all Rotarians can send the money, and on a certain threshold the supplier will send one shipment.

That way we can minimize shipment cost and divide it on all donating clubs .

PDG Jamil Moawad suggested that we send the list of products to the clubs abroad so they can send as many as they can from any product/products they chose as we wait for more funds to come in.

"There will be 3 different phases of execution:

a-Short-Term (Immediate Action Needed-Cash Ready)
b-Mid-term (Global Grants)
c- Long term (Larger Scale GGs -Larger Impact)"

"All Presidents agreed that the main issues to tackle are as follows:

1-Food Boxes (Head of Committee: P Hagop Dantziguian-Beirut Cedars)
2-Medical Equipment (Head of Committee: P Rita Imad -Metn Gate"
3-Sanitizers, for COVID 19 and Hygiene (No Head yet, any president who would like to take the lead, please contact PDG Michel Immediately)
4-Baby Kits (Milk&Diapers)

"Research and Budget has to be done by Monday August 12, 2020 in order to move forward accordingly"

b-In kind

As for the shipment and forms that need to be signed/procedure required, Ahmad El Housseini pitched in and informed us that there are two ways to make sure there's no problem receiving medication, he has all the contacts and procedures needed.

1-Donations in kind could be sent from the donators to their embassy in Lebanon [specially for medicaments]

2-Donations in kind are sent to RH Airport [supplies only, not medicaments] but for any other kinds such as blankets, Diapers,



MEDICAL Supplies Needed

Item	Description
Jelonet	10*10
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Fucidin	25 g
Mebo	
Xylocaine 2%	50 ml
Aleze Underpad (Size: 40*60)	40*60
Compress NON Sterile	
Compresse Sterile (rouleaux) 4 plies	Rouleaux 4 plies
Pehaft = Bande Elastique Adhesive (Gauze)	
Bande Elastique	4 inch
Bande Elastique	6 inch
Micropore/Transpore	1 inch
Micropore/Transpore	2 inch
Micropore/Transpore	3 inch
Seringues 5ml	
Seringues 10 ml	
Flamazole 1%	1%
Tetagam	

Figure 1-List of Medical Needs(in bold:Pharmaceutical; the rest:Medical Equipment)

C-Blankets – CS Mira Khalil

No updates – (absent) *but she had informed P Rita that she couldn't find any supplier.*

P Wadad Shams contacted several factories in Chouf & Hazmieh, they are all too costly and they advised to get them from China

*P Rita contacted many suppliers, we got a quotation of 9\$/winter blanket****

***: not from the meeting, but general updates to save up time.

D-Covid-19 Kits

P Rita Imad contacted PDDG Bana Kalash for offers on the hand gels. They sent us a quotation with discounts. (attached to this email)

P Tony Boutros sent quotations for masks & Gloves:

1 box of gloves nitrile (100 gloves/box): 54000 LL

1 box latex gloves: 47000 LL

*Mask K95: 9000 LL / mask ****

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Next Move:

- Deliver Medical Supplies to Hospitals of Beirut
- For the online presence, **online meeting with expert Rotarians and the agency shall be held this week**
- Packaging & Branding our delivered items- Quotations needed
- Head of Committees to coordinate closely this week in order to move faster.
- Advertise our causes to get more funds in order to make the biggest impact possible, the soonest.

In summary, our meeting today generated the following:

Using the funds we have, we cannot do much this week.

We will finalize our online pages asap to reach out to more people.


We need to try to collect funds as much as we can in order to move faster with our projects in a way that will be beneficial and make an impact that aligns with our potential as an organization with 1 million 200 thousand Rotarians globally.

We can ask Rotarians to send equipment and goods in kind, as long as we coordinate between each other as to not face any problems down the road.

We have to link our projects to the four priorities of RI

Table of Tasks:

Person In Charge	Task
All Presidents	-Forward to all the clubs you know abroad the country fund account and IBAN so we can move faster. -Coordinate with the head of committees for any input /updates you have -If you still haven't presented your short-term projects, please do so asap according to the CF projects' list
P Rita	-Come up with medical kits list (to be sent to shelters/homes)+quotations
P Hagop, P Rita, PAG Kamal Assaf,	Research based on the discussion
PP Ayman Chehayeb	Forward this to DDG Yasmina El Assi and Rotaractors involved
PDG Jamil Moawad	Please forward to the zone & we rely on you for exposure abroad. Thank you for your continuous help& input .



Thank you all: DG Mazen Alumran, PDGS, PPs, Ps, and all members in Lebanon and abroad for working as one and being as cooperative and proactive during this devastating crisis that hit every home, and every heart.

We all got damaged, but here we are, meeting, working day and night to see how we can help others. Service Above Self could have never been as obvious and seen in action as we see it today.

By reuniting and working as one, hand in hand, OFCOURSE Lebanon shall rise again

Thank you Rotarians of Lebanon, Thank you Rotary!

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm by PDG Michel Jazzar.

Minutes of Meeting: Taken by: CFC Kamal Katra Edited by: P Rita Imad Reviewed by: PDG Michel Jazzar
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