



LEBANON COUNTRY FUND

ROTARY CLUBS PRESIDENTS

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Friday Aug 8, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM.

Zoom Meeting host PP Mario Nasard.

Attendance Sheet:

Position / Member	Club
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 Husseiny	Country Fund Member [Tripoli Maarad]
1. P. Effat Kanaan Abou Assaly	Beirut Center
2. P. Rita Imad	Metn Gate
3. P. Jihad Feghali	Beirut Cadmos
4. P. Randa Zaouk	Tripoli
5. P. Amar Sabbouri	Chtaura Bekaa Gate
6. P. Maha Kassouf	Zahle-Bekaa
7. P. Hagop Dantziguian	Beirut Cedars
8. P. Farid Dahdah	Kesrouan
9. P. Jean Khalifeh	Batroun
10. P. Julie Mawad	Zgharta-Zawie
11. P. Imane Jaffal	Tyre Europa
12. P. Doha Halawi	Beirut Metropolitan
13. P. Georges Matta	Beirut Hills Achrafieh
PP. Mira Al Khalil	Tyre Europa
PP Therese Tanissa	Batroun
[In red Rotarians may report to their clubs]	13+3=16/28

Agenda:

Time	Item	Presenter
6:00 pm	Greetings & Condolences	Country Fund Chair PDG Michel Jazzar
6:05 pm	Summary of decisions taken by the committee	PDG Michel Jazzar
6:20 pm	Allocate National Projects	Presidents
6:40 pm	Preps for Next Meeting	Presidents
6:55 pm	Upcoming Meeting Date	PDG Michel Jazzar

Time	Item	Presenter
7:50 pm	Adjournment	PDG Michel Jazzar

The meeting started at 6:10 pm

1 Introduction:

PDG Michel Jazzar, Lebanon Country Fund Committee_LCFC Chair welcomed the attendees started with condolences of our dear friend, President of Rotary Club of Hammana Tony Barmaki who passed away by the large nuclear explosion that hit Beirut on Tuesday August 4/2020 and offered his condolences to his son in law PP Joe Kozah, to his wife and family-friends, also to those who were injured by the deadly explosion.

2 Summary of Decisions Taken by the Committee

The Lebanon country fund committee, headed by PDG Michel took a decision to liberate 25000\$ in cash and use them to fulfill the current urgent needs of the Lebanese Community following the crisis.

These 25000\$ were collected over the years and if we use them, there will still be seed money for next year.

But he insisted that in order to do that he'll need the approval of the Clubs' Presidents, P Randa Zaouk and P Hagop Dantziguian agreed that they'll need to get back to their board members in order to vote.

P Rita Imad suggested we brainstorm and agree on the projects and define the budget needed for each and then get the votes from clubs following that,

But all presidents approved that in general the idea is approved.

3 Brainstorming of All Presidents

Introduction

PDG Michel said that this is the moment to work together with the help of our International Rotarians and Rotaractors to raise funds and start on short term projects to help the community and revive Lebanon after this catastrophic situation,

There will be 3 different phases of execution:

a-Short-Term (Immediate Action Needed – Cash Ready)

b-Mid-term (Projects that need more time to be planned and executed)

c- Long term (Larger Scale –Larger Impact – Needs Fundraising and Global Grants)

Let's agree on the main issues we need to tackle in order to start with Phase One Projects.

Presidents Discussion & Brainstorming

All Presidents agreed that the main issues to target are

- 1-Food Boxes,
- 2-Sanitizers, for COVID 19 and Hygiene,
- 3-Medical Equipment,

Other Ideas Discussed:

To buy winter clothes, blankets, medicine kits for survivals in shelters, mattress, others to create a central food kitchen, buying small equipment, bread, water, shelters, lamps, etc.

For the central Kitchen, Doha: There's an NGO called 'Bayti Baytak' now that distributed centralized kitchens in several areas. That are cooking food for people who lost their homes and distributing food for the families that lost their homes. She will contact them to get more info and coordinate with Hagop

Hagop: Beirut Cedars had more than 1000 food boxes and left with 300 in store, and should get back to his club, but for the current situation we should do a new box that matches the need and situation. Research should be done to assess the needs and gather data where the kitchens are and if they're reaching all shelters.

Doha and Hagop will coordinate after the meeting.

Projects Structure

PDG Michel : Since we have the main projects that everyone agreed on, how can we move forward to coordinate smoothly?

P Rita Imad argued that for the structure: we're already late.so we need the help of Rotarians who already have experience with those projects. example Food Boxes, since Beirut Cedars already have this project going on with all channels and suppliers, let's all coordinate with Beirut Cedars for Food Project. And create a committee formed of experts/delegates from each club to stay updated and take part of all decisions regarding that project.

Everyone agreed to that.

As for Medical Needs, Rita Imad and Metn Gate already conducted a survey and received an updated detailed list from the Syndicate with all the current urgent needs of hospitals: Medicine (could be purchased now to serve the short term need) and Supplies(should be received in kind from abroad_midterm project_)

Mira Khalil said that people who are now homeless, even if they have shelters (Schools/churches...they don't have the equipment needed to provide the homeless with

proper blankets and pillows and they definitely need it. She wants to take care of the Blankets/Pillows project. Rita Imad said she can help provide her with suppliers.

For the Hygiene Project: Noone wanted to be the head, Rita Imad will check with Pharmaceutical companies if they can provide handgels and might add it under the Medical Needs Umbrella.

PDG Michel also noted that the District Governor and Rotarians from abroad are all pushing and they are all ready and eager to help, so if we don't unify our voices, come up with a unified email that has all projects we agreed upon, things will be confusing. **Therefore, we need to centralize our communications and forces so we have one voice.**

Two subjects we still need to address:

a-Social Media Platforms

We need to create a unified page that will communicate our lists of needs + a link to collect funds. We need someone to take care of those: **facebook , twitter, and other media**

b-Rotaractors

PDG Michel: Since now our structure as Rotarians has been agreed upon, we also need to coordinate with Rotaractors to check what are their projects and needs as they are now working on the ground, and try to unify our forces and divide our work.

Rita Imad said that in Metn Gate there are 3 Rotaractors who are currently active, she can ask them who can be the coordinator and get back to us on that next meeting.

In summary, our meeting today generated the following :

There will be 3 heads of committees, one for each project. All communications and info will be centralized with that person:

-Food Needs <P Hagop>

-Medical Supplies&Medicine<P Rita>

-Blankets&Pillows <Mira Khalil>

They will be working to get the final budget needed for each project to be presented to all clubs in another zoom meeting early next week.

Table of Tasks :

Person In Charge	Task
All Presidents	Get back to your clubs and board members update them with what has been discussed and get approval for the release of 25000\$ from your board
P Hagop, P Rita, CS Mira	Research based upon the discussion , and come up with the final list with a clear budget needed to execute the project asap
All Presidents	Coordinate with the head of committees for any input /updates you have

UPCOMING Meeting

Date	Time
Monday 10/08/2020	7:00 Pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm by PDG Michel Jazzar.