Operation Round Up

Minutes

July 19, 2023

Members present: Mike Huppenthal, Amanda Prough, Nic Engle, Keith Thompson, Dennis Kratz and Brandon Altimus

Member not present: Dan Byler

April minutes were approved and accepted. Kratz/Huppenthal

It was announced that $12,111.43 is available to award organizations this quarter. The committee reviewed four new requests. After discussing each application, the committee makes the following recommendations to the REMC board.

The Operation Round Up committee decided to grant Reason 4 Hope, Inc. $1,500 of their $3,000 request. The funds will be used to purchase school supplies and backpacks that are distributed at their summer block parties. They plan on serving around 600 students across all three LaGrange County schools.

The committee decided to grant $1,500 of the requested $5,000 to Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana. The funds will be used for financial assistance for low-income families and to help support the Girl Scouts Leadership Experience (GSLE). The GSLE builds skills in four key areas: (1) Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), (2) the outdoors, (3) life skills, and (4) entrepreneurship. Twenty-seven girls in LaGrange County currently utilize the program.

The committee also decided to grant McMillen Health $2,500 of their requested $3,200. The funds will be used to provide 10 preventive health education programming sessions to LaGrange County youth in grades preschool- 12. McMillen Health’s program objectives include helping youth develop knowledge, attitudes, and new skills for making healthy choices that facilitate a successful transition into adulthood.

The committee recommends granting the full request of $2,000 to Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry. The funds will be used to pay for the processing of approximately 1,500 pounds of donated large game and livestock within LaGrange County which will be distributed to local hunger-relief agencies.

The Operation Round Up committee respectfully recommends to the REMC board to award a total of $7,500 as follows: $1,500 to Reason 4 Hope, Inc., $1,500 to Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana, $2,500 to McMillen Health and $2,000 to Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry. Altimus/Kratz

The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nic Engle