

District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Arlington South

Project Title: Dictionary Project - 2014

Progress Report Final Report

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries?
 The Grant Budget (\$1200) will be used to supplement the Club's budget (\$1200) to provide Dictionaries (600 to 6 Elementary schools - 3rd Grade) and Thesauruses (600 to 2 Jr High Schools - 7th Grade). This is a continuing project for our club and this is the 2nd year for the distribution of the Thesauruses. The elementary schools feed into the Jr Highs which feed Seguin High School which our club sponsors with scholarships each year. The Dictionaries / Thesauruses are used by the students to help them develop their communication skills (3rd Grade - Spelling and Word Literacy and 7th Grade - Creative Writing). We realize this project needs to be reviewed for relevance which is part of the project plan. The teachers will be surveyed to see if there is something else we could do in within the same budgetary constraints that would benefit the students. Final note our club participation is almost 100% each year without fail.

Additional item – At last minute received a request from the New Arlington Collegiate HS at TCC-SE that we include them in our project by providing the incoming freshman with a combination book (dictionary and thesaurus). The club voted unanimously to include the new high school to help make their first year a success. Order was added for 6 cartons of combo books – total books 144.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project? 8 (Club had 10 members at the time)

3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.

One Rotarian was responsible for the distribution of books to the schools. All others took part in the actual distribution to the students. For the Elementary schools we worked in 3 teams of 2 being assigned 2 schools per team. Both Jr Highs were handled by a single team of 8. At each presentation made we introduced the Rotarians involved, a brief explanation of Rotary's involvement in the project and gave each student their own copy of either the dictionary or thesaurus depended on grade. Several Jr High students made a remark about the fact they still used the dictionary given to them in 3rd grade.

At the Collegiate High School, we arrived as a team of 6, were given a tour of the facilities and then passed out the books to the students during their lunch period (all had same lunch period). The project to deliver the books was completed in November 2014.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? 1277 Students

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?
 Help better the educational environment in the Arlington Schools.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?

Have contacted the Director of Parent and Community Relations to see what else could be done either as a single club or in conjunction with other clubs to help improve the literacy in the schools.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income

Amount

1. District Grant funds approved by the District	1200.00
2. Club contribution	2079.93
3. Other funding (specify)	
Total Project Income	3279.93

8. Expenditures - please be specific and add lines as needed - receipts must be attached

1. Book(s) Order	3084.00
2. Labels for Books (inside cover) - Blank	177.03

3. Print Labels	18.90
4.	
5.	
6.	
Total Project Expenditures	
	3279.93

9. By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all of the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures have been provided to the district. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights in the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or at any time in the future, throughout the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or later developed. This includes the right to modify the photograph(s) as necessary in RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of RI and TRF.

Certifying Signature

Donald R Henry

Date: 4/20/15

Print name, Rotary title, and club

Donald R Henry, Member - Arlington South