

# MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES ABROAD FOUNDATION, INC.

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## Meeting Minutes

### MESA Steering Committee

**Date:** November 11, 2008

**Location:** Castaway Bay, 2001 Cleveland Road, Sandusky, Ohio

**Members Present:** Randy Diehl (Findlay), Jerry Peacock (Waterville), Gary Davis (North Baltimore), Chris Vogel (Perrysburg), Judy Riggle (Oberlin), Stan Kujawa (Findlay), Chuck Stocking (Toledo), Herb de la Porte (Elyria), Chris J. Gasteier (Sandusky), Mel Honig (Sylvania), Arnold Haring (Mansfield), DG David Daugherty (Mansfield), Bob Ruehl (Lima), Peg Miller (Huron), Doug Studer (Huron), Bob Eirons (Huron), Eugene A. Koby (Sandusky), Jim Toews (Fremont), Lynn Miggins (Vermilion), Sue Hunt (Vermilion), James Hunt (Elyria), Dennis Willis (Elyria), Ed Stewart (Elyria), Jim Heinrich (St. Marys)

**Chairman Randy Diehl** opened the meeting at 4:07

**Secretary's Report:** In the absence of Secretary Ron Stoner (GSE Team Leader currently in Japan) Jerry Peacock distributed the minutes of the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Judy Riggle moved to approved the minutes and Bob Ruehl seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jerry Peacock distributed the financial reports. Checking and the 7 Day CD accounts total \$23,209 net of restricted funds. Monthly operating expenses are running \$5,000. MESA has about a four month operating margin. MESA is yet to receive the MESA dues assessment collected by District 6600. The 2008 Bike Ride has collected \$52,640 excluding the \$16,000 from Toledo and Findlay the total to date is \$36,640. Chuck Stocking moved to accept the report and Bob Ruehl seconded, approved by voice vote.

**Director's Report:** Gary Davis submitted a written report showing 16 major donations and two shipments since last report. October 23<sup>rd</sup> an ambulance and handicapped van were shipped to Nogalas, Arizona to be moved to Pazquero and Obregon, Mexico. The other shipment was November 8<sup>th</sup>, a container of beds and medical supplies going to Tegucigala, Honduras. Thirteen volunteers from four clubs helped with the loading. The warehouse is nearly full and more shipments are needed.

**Goals Evaluation:** Chuck Stocking reviewed the established goals (see appendix 1). MESA is on track on all printed goals.

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**Country Contacts:** Bob Ruehl is matching a new needs list from the Santa Cruz de Yoro Hospital with MESA's inventory. A legal review is being conducted concerning ongoing ownership.

**Uniendo 2009:** Discussed the lack of content of last year's Uniendo and offered assistance in organizing and coordinating sessions leading to an improved Uniendo. Pre and post Uniendo projects were discussed.

**Rotaracters and Uniendo 2009:** Much discussion was devoted to this subject. The discussion centered on the need to make the Rotaracters trip meaningful both to MESA and the Rotaracters. Bob Ruehl moved and Bob Eirons seconded a motion to not sponsor a Rotaracter team to Uniendo in 2009. Motion failed nine to eleven. Bob Ruehl moved and Bob Eirons seconded a motion to review Judy Riggle's "Rotaracters List of Expectations" (see appendix 2) within two weeks with the Rotaracters sponsoring club. It passed with voice vote. Jim Heinrich moved and Mel Honig seconded that MESA donate \$1,500 to Rotaracters for use toward Uniendo expenses if Judy Riggle's "List of Expectations" are followed. Motion passed with voice vote.

**San Martin Project:** Randy Diehl gave the history of the project which serves 120 special needs children. The new dining room should be complete within two weeks. However some finish work still needs our attention.

**MESA Bike Ride 2009:** Next year's ride will be for six days commencing in St. Marys July 12<sup>th</sup>. Ed Stewart says the Bike Ride has a potential of raising nearly \$100,000 annually. To reach this goal outside sponsorships will be needed. Bob Ruehl is currently reviewing potential sponsors.

**Other Business:** Bob Ruehl presented a quick synopsis of the 3-H project.

Chuck Stocking moved and Bob Ruehl seconded a motion to use "PayPal" on MESA's web site to ease the payment of donations and pledges to MESA. The motion passed with voice vote.

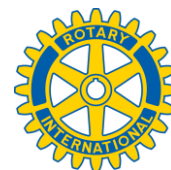
Mel Honig reported that restaurant equipment is needed and pre-school supplies are needed to start pre-school programs in Central America.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 6:00 pm.

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## Appendix 1:

### MESA Goals

#### Rotary Year 2008-2009

1. Develop and implement a plan of action to identify the interest and strengths of District 6600 and to integrate the Logistics services, Resourcing and Project Planning to align with those interests and strengths.
2. Develop information systems to facilitate increased numbers of MESA projects and expand the level of hands-on participation by District 6600 Rotarians, Interact and Rotaract so as to involve at least 500 Rotarians and to include at least one from each club.
3. Secure financial resources to strengthen MESA and provide for at least a four month operating reserve with a stretch goal of six months reserve.
4. Expand communication and connectivity with District 6600 to create greater awareness of clubs and members reaching at least 30-50% of the clubs with a program and having identified the International Services / MESA contact for all clubs.

## Appendix 2:

### Rotaracters at Uniendo

#### List of Expectations

- Need to submit application, including Rotaract project experience.
- Applicants to interview with: Mel Honig, Lynn Child, Darlene Clemons.
- MESA will provide \$1,500
- Selected applicants will attend mandatory two hour orientation
- Attendees will have \$500 (from Riggle) to spend on project selected at the fair, and encouraged to raise \$500 of their own to spend. They will report on why they selected this project(s).

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- Attendees will go one day early (Wednesday) and be prepared to work with children at an orphanage or school.
- Bring materials to work with the children
- Dress conservative: no halters or short shorts unless at pool or beach
- Alcohol – none if under 21; moderate if over 21.
- Stay with buddy at all times
- Rotary liaison must be informed of whereabouts at all times
- Give presentation to MESA, Conference and at least two Rotary clubs.