

Trustee of Public Funds meeting April 27, 2017

Attending: Mike Harvey, Barbara DeHart, Sandy Pierce, Susan Bushnell, Kathryn Schenkman, Jeanette Bair

Susan Bushnell representing the Federated Church Food Shelf requested \$3000, the same amount we gave in 2016, for the benefit of Rochester residents in need. The total budget (assets) of the Food Shelf in 2016 was \$11649 donated by local churches and individuals in our valley in addition to that donated from Rochester Public Funds. 80% of persons using the Food Shelf are Rochester residents.

Jeanette Bair, representing the Rochester Public Library, requested \$500 toward museum and park passes for people in our community. She noted that with 60% of children in the Rochester school receiving free lunch, it would appear that most families could not afford to visit these places without a pass. The library does not control who, in our community, uses these passes.

kathryn Schenkman representing the Rebuild Rochester Foundation requested that we fund their work again this year with a \$10,000 donation. The funds that we provide them are only used for Rochester residents, or families, whose income is at or below the poverty level as designated by the Federal Government . Rebuild Rochester Foundation works in conjunction with other service organizations to maximize their use of funds donated. Their Board has two social workers who are adept at analyzing request applications and other Board members who are able to analyze and even fix some structural problems in homes.

Mike made a motion to consider funding the pass program for the Library. The motion was seconded and voted upon. The motion did not pass. It was thought that the Library has other opportunities to raise this money.

Barb made a motion that we take \$3000 from the Leland fund to contribute to the Food Shelf at the Federated Church Of Rochester, Missions Committee-Food Shelf, P.O. Box 197, Rochester, VT 05767 Attention Susan Bushnell. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.

Mike made a motion to take \$1800 from the Leland fund, \$1500 from the Kirkpatrick Fund and \$6700 from the Townsend fund for a total of \$10,000 to be given to the Rebuild Rochester Foundation at P.O. Box 119, Rochester, VT 05767 attention Kathryn Schenkman. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Pierce (Ann B.) Secretary