

Trustee of Public Funds meeting May 16, 2016

Attending: Mike Harvey, Barbara DeHart, Sandy Pierce, Katherine Schenkman, Carrie McDonnell

The meeting was held to decide on the distribution of funds to several organizations requesting financial support for their programs.

Carrie described her program One Planet [formerly Excel]. This program for school age children is funded through 21C federal funds, approximately \$18000 from the school, some state subsidy and \$1000 from the Town. School funding has been reduced from last year. The budget for the summer camp is \$15000. She is looking for help in funding scholarships for the four week summer camp for children whose families cannot afford the \$480 tuition fee. She knows of five or six Rochester children whose families cannot afford all or part of these fees. The camp includes reading, exercise, swimming lessons, field trips etc. She is especially concerned that these children will have few experiences over the summer to help them grow and flourish if they cannot attend the camp.

Katherine told us that the poverty level goes up each year and that many Rochester residents live below it. She described "bridge grants" used to keep people in their homes as a result of monies we have given to Rebuild Rochester Foundation. The Foundation has also helped cancer patients, elderly persons with minimal social security, and families whose wage earner has lost a job. Last year they fund raised \$5000 which in addition to money from the Trustees is the total money they have to help the poor.

We had met with Ann Hunt at our April meeting. Ann described the needs of the Federated Church Food Shelf. We also met at that time with Norm Christiansen who represents the Rochester Youth Sports program.

We have ascertained that we can disburse \$17000 in funds for the upcoming fiscal year. \$8000 of these funds are from the Kirkpatrick Fund and \$9000 are from the Leland Fund. Mike made a motion that the Trustees of Public funds make monies available for disbursement as follows: from the Kirkpatrick fund, \$8000 to the Rebuild Rochester Foundation and from the Leland Fund, \$2000 to the Rebuild Rochester Foundation, \$3000 to the Federated Church Food Shelf, \$2000 to One Planet, \$1000 to the Rochester Recreation Department Youth Sports Division, and \$1000 kept in reserve. We voted to approve Mike's motion unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Pierce (Ann B.) Secretary