



**Rotary District 7690
Special Executive Committee Meeting
February 21, 2023**

I. Call to order

Meeting was called to order by DG Debbie Scott. Location of this meeting was via Zoom.

This meeting was called to discuss the upcoming budget so that it can be sent out to the clubs no later than March 1, 2023 in accordance with the District 7690 MOP – 30 days prior to the DTA April 1, 2023.

II. District 7690 Executive Committee Members Present

Debbie Scott, DG; Andy Chused, Dist. Treasurer; Van Lankford, DGE; Ron Pierce, DGN; Mark Brandon, DGND; Chris Justice, PDG; Randy Perkins, PDG/VG; James Gouty, DRFCC; Jon Spillman, PDG/MC; Charles Allen, PDG/VG; Kathy Torrey, PI Chair; Brent Holmes, Cathy Harpster, Gov. Aide

Unable to attend: Tommy Rosser, PDG

III. Discussion on Disaster Relief needed for Turkey in light of recent earthquake

DG Debbie Scott asked for the executive committee to entertain providing disaster relief funds to aid Turkey in the recovery of the recent devastation from an earthquake. Options for providing funds range from RI Disaster Relief fund, to ShelterBox USA a partner with Rotary with boots on the ground, to assisting with a global grant with District 7680 that already has set ties with a District/Club in Turkey to provide relief given approval of a Global Grant being presented to RI. Discussions ensued on past giving trends and future considerations of how to plan for giving to disaster relief. A motion was made from IPDG Chris Justice to give \$5,000 out of reserves for immediate relief and then another \$5,000 from DDF for long-term relief, with monies from clubs matched up to this \$5,000 to go towards the Global Grant with District 7680. Motion was seconded by PDG/MC Jon Spillman. Vote passed unanimously.

Clubs are to be informed of this relief plan from the District and explain how the monies are matched by RI to give an end result of approximately \$20,000 to this disaster relief.

IV. Discussions on Draft Budget for 2023-2024

DGE Van Lankford opened discussions from questions he received via emails. Items of discussion included:

- Youth Exchange and Youth Services budgeted funds and how they are to be used. The \$500 for YS is to be used towards a group event such as a Youth Conference. Brent would like to bring that back and possibly break it into several events by Area. It is not to be used to give to an individual club for use with Interact specifically.
- Public Image has had funds budgeted in the past, but not used. PI Chair Kathy Torrey asked that we still leave some money budgeted for PI to use possibly on Facebook paid ads, etc. Discussed that \$1,000 would suffice for this budget line item.
- Grants management training revenue not shown on the budget. Where does that go? Andy will look into adding that line item. Andy is trying to show them individually as best as possible on the budget revenue.

- DG/DGE/DGN expenses – discussions on how those monies are to be spent. Ie: Telephone expenses was included and that is not something we've typically covered in this District, and probably not needed with personal cell phones being used.
- New District Administrator wages are set for this year, with performance reviews to determine wage increases. We do not expect wage increase until the following Rotary year/budget 2024-25, but that could change upon discretion of the Executive Committee.
Discussed the need to purchase a new laptop for Danielle. This money would come out of District reserves upon approval of the Executive Committee.
- PHS event – should this be budgeted as a separate event as it was in the past, to give those members better recognition? Discussions ensued on the pros/cons of having it as a separate event. Decision made to keep it as a reception this coming year and poll the members to gauge interest in holding it as a separate event in the fall or spring the following year 2024-25.
- Membership Summit has \$1000 more in expenses allowed than in revenues shown. Jon was ok to leave this as is but strives to come in as a break even event as shown in past couple of years.
- PDG Jon Spillman brought up that 1-2-3 month short term CDs are wielding 4.3% ROI at this time. Discussions ensued on moving funds into a CD to earn interest revenue for the year. A motion was made by PDG Jon to move \$100,000 from Truist bank account to a CD handled by a broker to earn us \$4,300 in interest revenue. This will help offset the need to increase club dues this coming year. Motion approved unanimously.

Action Items:

District Treasurer Andy will follow up on suggested changes to the budget and the finding a broker to handle setting up the short term CD. He will email the Executive and Finance Committee with new budget and information.

The Executive Committee and Finance Committee will vote discuss/vote by email on the budget.

The clubs will be emailed the budget no later than March 1, 2023 as per the District MOP.

Next meeting- March 23, 2023 via Zoom.

Minutes prepared by Christie Smith, District Administrator

eSignature: *Christie Smith*

Date: February 21, 2023