

I. Call to order: The zoom meeting was called to order by Ron Pierce, DG at 4:31 pm.

II. District 7690 Executive Committee members present:

Voting members: Ron Pierce, DG, Debbie Doby, PDG; Van Lankford, IPDG; James Gouty, DRFC; Jon Spillman DMC; Mark Brandon, DGE, Karen Pollard, DGN

Non-voting members:; Cathy Harpster, Gov. Aide; Andy Chused, Dist. Treasurer, Tim Johnson, Public Image, Brent Holmes, YS Chair, Anant Venkataraman, DGNE, Steve Dolat, Dist. Admin;

Guest: Patrick Eakes, RID

III. New Business:

A. The emergency meeting was called to discuss the response of District 7690 to the disaster of Hurricane Helene in Western North Carolina. Ron asked Patrick Eakes to update the committee on the status of Zone 33/34 funding. Patrick stated that Rotary International is best at focusing on mid- and long-term funds. The monies being collected are to supplement volunteers and other organizations. There is a team that Patrick put together that will evaluate requests for funding. The people including the zone treasurer on the team are known to Patrick and have experience managing this level of disaster.

B. Jon reiterated what he heard from Patrick.

1. The funds sent by District 7690 will be segregated and used by our Rotarian friends in Western North Carolina. Patrick agreed to put this commitment in writing.
2. The funds will be used for intermediate and longer-term recovery
3. The funds will leverage district and global grants to magnify the effort.

- C. We learned that if funds are sent electronically, there is an approximate 3.5% fee. If funds are sent via check, there is no fee.
 - D. Ron moved that we notify District 7690 members that checks should be written to Zone 33/34 Foundation so that they can be collected and distributed to Western North Carolina. Jon seconded the motion and it passed. Ron, Mark, Karen and Anant will work out the specific details about how to collect and process donations.
- IV. The zoom meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

