

May 7th Board Meeting, South Portland Community Center

In Attendance: B. Flynn; B. Bagdasarian; K. Cotter; A. Gonzalez; N. Irving, S. Irving, B. Murphy; M. Mutty; C. Redman, E. Speh

Guests: B. Anderson; T. Meyers; M. Tranfaglia, D. Schauf, B. York

Approval of April Minutes: Unanimously approved.

Internal Budget Review & Attendance Issues – Marc Mutty

- Proposed Internal Budget for 14-15

Marc would like to have time to fine-tune this and will present it at the June Board meeting for approval

- Proposed new annual dues amount;

Suggested changes to the Bylaws were proposed to include new language re: dues that focuses on policy rather than specific \$ amount. Also in the Bylaws, “New Generations” references will be changed to the new RI designation: Youth Services

\$165 was proposed by unanimous vote of the Board for the revised dues amount. Marc will send an email blast out to members with this new proposed amount and the rationale for the needed change. He will also reference a proposed amount to be set-aside in the Internal Budget to be used for situations where paying for meals or dues might be problematic for members. Members will vote on these proposed changes at the May 28th meeting.

- Streamlining of Secretarial duties

Marc showed us the new form he has done up that would eliminate the need for the attendance cards that were so time consuming. Comments that it is hoped this will be a step toward the club acquiring a laptop to record attendance, programs, projects, pictures, etc.

- Attendance issues: Scott briefed us on the new (2013) RI policy that emphasizes club sanctioned projects and hours spent-thus relaxing the old policy that emphasized 50% attendance. This issue was raised because Fawn Dunphy submitted her resignation due to the difficulty she had making weekly meetings. Ellie sent her an email detailing this Scott will get

more information on the application of the new policy. This continues to a contentious issue for members – particularly members of long standing.

External Budget Review - Nancy Irving

- Unspent \$ in 13-14 Budget: \$5000
 - Note: This amount does not include \$ Obligated for scholarship recipient who is taking a “Gap Year”: (\$1K)

Suggestions for remainder

- \$ for social workers @Cape & SPHS for needs of at risk students over the summer months. Kathy will do some research on this and we will vote on it at the June meeting.
- Contribution to Bug Light Summer Movie Series
Club exposure and family friendly nature of the event were viewed as positives. Majority approved \$500 .
- Bug Light: Jack has asked for \$500 for exterior paint supplies above the pass through \$ in the budget. He presented Kathy with a detailed list of projects that need attention.
After deliberation, majority approved \$500.
- Children’s Garden
Concern expressed about large amount of \$ still needed to break ground on the project. Debate also focused on \$ already given to the project (dedicated to the design).
After debate, majority approved \$500.
- Mercy Ships (previously vetted – no specific amount specified)
Board felt that since RI supports this effort, we would not be able to make an impact.

Proposed 14-15 Budget – Kathy Cotter

Kathy emphasized that this is a budget and can be changed based on need. She expressed her passions: Water; Education; Hunger

Suggestions/Concerns:

- Theater Night-Sept. show would cost us more (\$1700) to buy out the house and profits come from our members buying tickets and donating food and wine. Is this really a fundraiser? Is it worth all the work for so little profit?
- Should less \$ go to scholarships and more to students at risk?

- Step Up Program needs to be informed we will not be sponsoring the program this year.

- Discussion of disparity between gifts to South Portland Food Cupboard that serves any one and Judy's Pantry that serves only Cape. Concern also expressed that the Club cannot become the major support for SPFC going forward as their overhead expenses mount in their new space. Motion to raise Judy's Pantry to \$2000.
- International:
 - Positive feedback for support of Dr. Fagan's Dominican Republic initiative and the Rotoplast initiative.
 - Anamaria and Carolyn Johnson are meeting at the District Conference with Guatemalan educator who runs the largest public school there. She will report back on that possibility. Concern that the majority of the international initiatives that we support focus on Guatemala
 - Bolivia water crisis; Shelter Box also discussed

New Budget Unanimously approved

Misc

- Approval for Mike McGovern to be our Club's Voting Delegate at the International RI Convention
Unanimously approved

- Approval for Anamaria's Brother's Peace Scholar Application
Unanimously approved

- Steve Wilcox Estate Sale – Marc Mutty
Marc described the procedure and agreement he'd reached with the family. He will handle this himself and report the particulars at our next club meeting.
- Club Policy on Political Candidates as Club Speakers – Bill York
Bill decided not to address the Club on this issue. He assured Bob Flynn that he understood the policy. It was noted that this was more than a Club policy – it is an RI policy
- Next Meeting: June 4, 2014

Respectfully submitted: Ellie Speh