

**Bristol Rotary Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 10, 2020 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Conference Call**

**Call to Order Time: 7:08 p.m.**

**Roll Call of Board Members:**

1. Mark Alano
2. Angela Cabral
3. Bruce Cox
4. Jacques de Labry
5. Elizabeth Habecker
6. Christine Geremia
7. Lisa James
8. Mary Jo Fidalgo-Tavares
9. Paul LaFleur
10. Steven Randolph
11. Cidalia Rodrigues
12. Marty Roussel

**Board Members not present:** Vincent Geremia

**Secretary's Report:** *Angela* - Approval of the minutes of last Board meeting on October 13, 2020, motion made by Liz and seconded by Marty to approve minutes. All approved.

**BRCF 501c3 /Donations Received/Requested** *Jacques* shared the Status of BRCF as of 11/10/20. We have \$50,223.26 total funds available as of 11/10/20. MADB for 2020/2021 is \$14,488.22. Jacques spoke about mailer for Virtual Food Drive. Marty said that Aliyah, President of Interact at Mt. Hope H.S. wants to help. Paul said perhaps they could help with fundraising via an email drive. Marty will send her the VFD letter. So far, we have donated \$4000 to East Bay Food Pantry and have raised another \$4112.09. Paul is setting up a meeting with Lori DiPersio to discuss options. See Jacques' BRCF report for more details.

**Treasurer's Report:** *Cid* - Cid sent the Profit and Loss July 1-Nov 10, 2020 and Balance Sheet as of November 1, 2020. There's \$5500 in checking as of today. We have to pay \$2528 to the District in January (covers Jan-July 2021). We still have not received dues from two some members. Cid will contact them. We voted to remove an active member for non-payment. Angela will remove the member from Clubrunner and Rotary.org. Motion to accept treasure report Liz seconded by Bruce.

**Community Service:**

1. **Virtual Food Drive Phase II.** Discussion about including other clubs and donating to other local food pantries. Donation request letters were mailed out to local business the week of 10/5/20. Facebook has posts for VFD on Bristol Rotary page. We are ready to give a second significant donation to EBFP. **Phase III of VFD** would be to expand it into a Rotary 8 project (EP-Seekonk, Warren-Barr., Bristol, Portsmouth, Middletown and Newport clubs). Paul has a Zoom meeting with the Area 8 Rotary Presidents for this Thursday, 11/12 to discuss. Paul will get back to us after speaking with Lori. There was discussion about donating to other food pantries like St. Elizabeth. Cid said they have a huge food pantry and take donations to buy food. Naomi Carpenter is Director of St. Elizabeth Food Pantry. Paul asked Cid to get her in touch with him. Paul said he would like to keep expanding this project as there a great need.

2. **Community Service:** "Rotary Million Mask Challenge Tour" Bristol Rotary has allotment of 2,000 blue grade masks in hand. We are ready to distribute to local organizations, which are in need, as Covid-19 crisis on the rise. Franklin Court Assisted Living and St. Elizabeth Manor are ok right now, but may need help in the future. Silver Creek has an outbreak right now of 60 cases. Angela will reach out to Kim Romano at Silver Creek to see if they have an immediate need.
3. **Holiday gift cards:** Mary Jo will contact Jenn at the Ladies Aux. of BFD. Paul will speak with Marie Knapman of F.C. Independent Living and Ed Carrusi from the town. At next Board meeting, we will decide how many cards to distribute. Last year we gave out \$1800 in Stop and Shop gift card. Most of the donations were from club members. We will do try to do the same with Stop and Shop or Seabra gift cards with a goal of \$2000. Paul will send email to club members to get donations.
4. **Holiday Raffle fundraising idea:** This would be for club members and invited non-members via email. Cid, Mary Jo and Lisa will work on this idea.

### **New Business:**

**Indoor lunch meetings:** at Dewolf Tavern have been put on hold until further notice as of November due to the uptick in Covid cases and resulting decrease in attendance. We will go with Zoom club meetings starting Wednesday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>. Karen Griffith from EBFP is speaker. We may have a few meetings a month or maybe keep 12:15 and some evening meetings.

### **Old Business:**

**Rotary outstanding dues for 2020/2021:** 2 members.

**Membership:** Mary Jo will contact Maria Cesario to see if she is willing to be inducted via Zoom. . Mary Jo is her sponsor.

**Next regular Board Meeting:** Wednesday, December 9, 2020 7:00 p.m. via Zoom meeting

**Meeting Adjournment Time:** 8:18 p.m.