

Rotary Club of Portland
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2023 at 1:30 PM

Board members in attendance:

Dick Hall – President and Treasurer, John Thompson – Vice President, Patty Byers – President-Elect, Bruce Jones – Immediate Past President, Tom Nickerson – Secretary, Jake Bourdeau - Sgt-At-Arms, Ben Millick – Director, Quinn Slayton – Director, Maggie McGauley – Director, David Ertz – Director.

Absent: Zachary Newell – Director

Guests: Charlie Frair and Paul Tully

Business:

With a quorum established, President Dick Hall called the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine to order on October 17, 2023 at 1:35 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

President Dick Hall reported that the Minutes of the September 29, 2023 board meeting were approved by email and posted to the website.

Treasurer's Report: *Hall*

Dick Hall (Club Treasurer) reported that the Treasurer report was distributed prior to the meeting. No concerns were noted. The club is in good shape and no surprises. The Treasurer noted that the balance in the Charity Fund remains high as a percentage of the endowment and we need to find more projects to support. The Treasurer reminded the board (and membership) that the Charitable fund will reimburse members up to \$200 for charitable donations.

The Treasurer report was accepted as distributed. (Patty Byers moved, Bruce Jones seconded; unanimous approval)

Andrews Sq update; signage/dedication ceremony: Bruce Jones reported that the City confirmed that the benches have been ordered.

Funding for Bayside Trees:

President Hall reported that the planting of the 21 trees went well and the City is highly supportive of our work. TD Bank will allow us to roll over the unspent funds to the next planting. The board discussed the possible expansion to a school in 2024, with the addition of a U.S. map project in the parking lot/courtyard.

New Member Approvals:

Dick Hall reported that Mario Martinez-Torres was approved by email. Mark Shinnors nomination has been posted for two weeks. Patty Byers moved to approve Mark Shinnors' application for membership. Bruce Jones seconded. The board approved unanimously.

Flags for Heroes update:

Charlie Frair and Paul Tully led a discussion on a debrief of the Flags for Heroes fundraiser. The board accepted the initial recommendation to increase board participation in the leadership and increase communication of the event as the club's main fundraiser. John Thompson agreed to be the board liaison to the committee. The committee will sponsor a focus group in January to plan for 2024's event.

Boots for Kids Update:

The Club expects to provide 120 boots this year. The estimate for our contribution is \$3,000, and we currently have \$1,000 budgeted. Bruce Jones moved to authorize up to an additional \$2,000 from the Charitable Trust for this project. Ben Milliken seconded the motion. The board authorized unanimously.

Best Buddies Funding Request:

Paul Tully presented a request for \$2,500 to support the Best Buddies Maine program. Two members are connected with this nonprofit – Paul Tully and Mary Pat Donnellon. The board discussed the request and agreed to provide the donation. Dick Hall moved the request for \$2,500 from the Charitable Trust. John Thompson seconded the motion. The board approved unanimously.

Visioning Update:

Patty Byers confirmed that the Club Visioning event will take place at the IHC on February 15, 2024. The event starts at 4:30 and dinner will be available for purchase. This event will be in place of our meeting that week. More information and invites will be coming out shortly.

Other Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by President Dick Hall at 2:40 PM. The next board meeting will be on Meeting on November 17, 2023 at 1:30 PM at the IHC.

Minutes submitted by: Tom Nickerson, Secretary

Approved by: Dick Hall, President