

**ROTARY CLUB OF PORTLAND, ME**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
April 18, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

**Present:** John Marr, President; Bowen Depke, 2nd VP; Loretta Rowe, Sec.; Scott Blakeslee, Treas.; Mike Fortunato, Sgt-at-arms; Charlie Frair, Dir.; Toby Cook, Dir.; Eric Lusk, Dir.; and Elise Hodgkin, Administrative Coordinator

**Absent:** Kris Rosado, 1st VP; Steve Stromsky, Dir.; Cyrus Hagge, IPP

**Guests:** None

**QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 21, 2014 were tabled until the next board meeting.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted. Dues report: 10 outstanding/overdue - Loretta to contact the members to remind them their dues is overdue. \$360 not recovered from resigned members.

**BUSINESS:**

- New Membership Applications - Dirk "Erik" Greven - came to one meeting in January as Dick Hall's guest. No one seems to know him. It was suggested that Dick Hall invite him to a few more Rotary meetings, so that more people can get to know him. Approval of his membership application was postponed.
- Resignations - none received
- Leaves of absence - no requests received
- Follow-up requests for funding assistance: Friends of Long Creek - submitted to Community Service  
SMAAA - submitted to Community Service  
PATHS - sent formal request form to requestor - no response
- New request for funds assistance: from International Service Committee after they were notified that the RC of Portland Sunrise was not fulfilling their obligation as promised - redacted, as Portland Sunrise sent their check.

Protocol on requests received from individuals for assistance: the club does not address individual requests...recommend they see other alternatives.

District request for funds for Interact travel: request passed to Youth Service Committee.

- MOC committee - advised Board of pre-purchase of gun for auction at event (done through email)
- District Conference - suggested that the club subsidize cost to attendees for a full-day registration or full 2-day registration - board turned recommendation down due to feeling that our treasury could not afford it.
- Contracts with venues: negotiating contracts with Holiday Inn and the Clarion (on black-out dates) are in progress. The contract with the Clarion Hotel has been signed. We are waiting on the contract from the Holiday Inn, which should be received by 5/9/14.
- At issue: remind members that our membership roster or email contacts is NOT to be used as a commercial mailing list or for any other purposes other than Rotary information.
- Club Visioning Cause - Issues and Opportunities - presented by 2nd VP Bowen Depke:  
The proposed recommendations for our club to focus on a cause and consider will be addressed with the members and discussed at the Club Assembly on May 30, 2014. The questionnaire needs to be sent out 2 weeks prior to the Club Assembly (It was sent out 5/1/14 in broadcast email.)
- REMINDER: The May board meeting has been re-scheduled to May 9th due to the District Conference being held on May 16th.

Club projector case: The missing case has been replaced with a new one, donated to the club by Loretta Rowe through a purchase from Headlight Audio/Visual.

**ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held on May 9, 2014 at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Loretta C. Rowe, Secretary  
Rotary Club of Portland, ME