

**Rotary Club of Portland Maine
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2020 12:00-1:00pm**

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Board Members Present: Amy Chipman, President, Ellen Niewoehner, 1st VP, Bruce Moore, Secretary, Scott Blakeslee, Treasurer, Elise Hodgkin, Administrative Coordinator, Gracie Johnston, Mike Fortunato, Bob Martin, John Curran, Erik Greven

Absent: Dave Putnam, Nan Heald, Patty Erickson

Business: The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm and a quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: There were no minutes of the February meeting.

Club Meetings:

The club has not had an in-person weekly meeting since March 6th due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This is our first virtual board meeting using Zoom as a platform. Board members' first concern was how each one was feeling, especially Loretta. The last news of Loretta was that she was in the hospital, her treatments completed and she was waiting to be discharged. Members discussed reaching out to other club members, especially those who are alone and our oldest members.

President Amy led a discussion on how to run our weekly Friday meetings using Zoom. It was suggested that the video of our hundredth anniversary celebration be shown as the program at our first Zoom meeting. The Board is also planning to contact scheduled speakers to determine their availability.

Other:

Erik spoke about the International Services Committee applying for a District grant. The grant would be for the water project focusing on one batey (camp) in the Dominican Republic. Members also discussed raising funds for the Foundation.

Gracie informed the Board of the Portland Radio Group's focus on helping Maine businesses with a website called 'We Are Maine Strong'. She agreed to tell members about it at our next meeting. Gracie will also check with Preble Street to see how we can help in this situation. Mike mentioned that Meals on Wheels need more volunteers now. Bob Martin generously volunteered to do the Windjammer.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce V. Moore, Secretary