

Rotary Club of Portland, Maine

Board of Directors Virtual Zoom Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2021 at 1:05 pm

Board Members in Attendance:

Bob Martin, President, Bruce Jones, President Elect, Dave Putnam, Sgt-At-Arms, Directors Bob Clark, Jennifer Frederick, and Roger Fagan.

Absent:

Nan Heald, 2nd Vice President, Howie Herodes, Treasurer, Michelle DiSotto, Secretary, Ellen Niewoehner, Immediate Past President, Mark Foster, Director, Alice Alexander, Administrative Coordinator

Guests: Tom Talbott; Patty Byers.

Business:

The regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine was called to order on August 20, 2021 at 1:05 pm by President Bob Martin and a quorum was established with proxies.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 23, 2021 board meeting were amended and approved.

Report from Club Administrator Alice Alexander (Information)

President Bob noted that Alice Alexander was on vacation, which had been scheduled prior to her hire.

Review of Club survey on meeting in person:

Bob reviewed the results of the club survey conducted to determine member preferences regarding meeting in-person. The survey results were included in the Board packet. The survey was completed by 43 members, 37% of the club. Bob said that he had not talked further with the Italian Heritage Center because the COVID situation had increased in severity. Bob reported that he and Roxane Cole had discussed her suggestion of meeting at the Clark Insurance community room near the Jetport where members could meet together without lunch being offered and share the Zoom presentation. As the survey demonstrated, there are a number of members who want to meet in person, and while the meeting without food option is not at all popular, is there a way to find a middle ground? Roxane talked with Jeff Shaw, CEO of Clark, following her discussion with Bob, and he said that he needed to review the request with others since they are in the midst of determining how to deal with the resurgence of COVID and the use of the community room. Bob said he would share the results of that conversation. He will also talk with the

IHC to see if there was any flexibility in their food minimum. The Board agreed to take no other action on the issue pending further information.

Proposal to create subcommittee to examine due's structure:

Update: The group has not met. Bob reported that the compilation of committee preferences is almost complete and the names of chairs and members will be shared during the week of August 23.

Named Gift Opportunities Project:

Update: Bob Clark reported that he had enlisted the group of Roger Asch, Laura Young, Sara Yeransian, and John Curran to help formulate guidance in this area and they are preparing to meet. Bob Martin will be an *ex officio* part of the group. Bob Clark has drafted a working paper for the group to consider that outlines the issues.

Proposal to Exchange Club's Electronic Keyboard:

David Putnam reported that the club's electronic keyboard has been stored with former member Kathy Grammar to provide better protection than the Clarion offered (they stored it on an office floor). Kathy is relocating to Florida and wanted the keyboard returned to the club. David said in his role as Sergeant-At-Arms, he was responsible for moving the keyboard to club meetings or events, and noted that it was very heavy. He said storing the keyboard in the Club's locker at Noyes was inconvenient and cumbersome due to its weight. He said that Kathy had been in contact with Opera Maine who has a smaller and lighter keyboard they would like to trade. A motion was made by Roger Fagan to trade the club's keyboard with Opera Maine. Bob Clark seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously. David Putnam will manage the transaction.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm time by President Bob Martin.

The next Board meeting will be September 17 at 1:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Michelle DiSotto, Secretary

Approved by: Bob Martin, President