

Rotary Club of Portland, Maine

Board of Directors Virtual Zoom Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2022

Board Members in Attendance:

Bruce Jones, President, Ellen Niewoehner, Immediate Past President, Dick Hall, 1st VP, Dave Putnam, Sgt-At-Arms, Howie Herodes, Treasurer, Michelle DiSotto, Secretary, Alice Alexander, Administrative Coordinator, Directors Bob Clark, Roger Fagan, Alan Nye, Club Protection Officer

Absent:

Mark Foster, Director, John Thompson, Mike Fortunato

Guests: Patty Byers, Larry Gross, Dave Small, Alan Nye, Ben Millick, Roxanne Cole, Bill Blount

*The first 30 minutes of the meeting was used by board members and committee chairs in attendance to discuss the priorities for the club for the rest of the year - finding ways to engage members and provide opportunities for gathering in a safe way. Notes from this discussion are in a separate document provided to the board.

Business

The meeting was called to order on February 18, 2022 at 1:34 pm by President Bruce Jones and a quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 21, 2022, board meeting was approved as is.

1. Treasurer's Report

- a. Bruce & Howie went to Bangor Savings Bank and are now the two signers for the club. The President and Treasurer handle financial transactions for the club going forward per the banking resolutions from last month's board meeting.
- b. \$19,000 sent to our Dominican Project in recent months. Roger Fagan noted that John Curran personally solicited people to collect funds to build a rehab facility in the DR. The clinic is working towards providing 4,000 hearing aids to those in the DR. Michelle suggested we use our social media accounts to brag a bit about our good work.
- c. Howie is in the process of cleaning up the balance sheets and income statements.

2. In Person Meetings

- a) Our club looks forward to meeting in person soon. Dick Hall said that most clubs are going back to meeting and adding food. Almost all clubs are hybrid. After much discussion, the board agreed that March would be a good time to start back up. Bill Millick asked if the cost would be less if we did not eat? If we do not eat, there is a \$500 room fee from the Italian Heritage Club. Alice asked if people could take meals to go if they feel uncomfortable with eating in the meeting. The Italian Heritage Club told us that they could pack lunch to go if needed but we will double check and report back to the club when providing information about the meeting. If the cost of lunch for the rental is not covered by in person attendance, we could make an appeal to the group at the meeting to help get us get going again. A motion was made to hold a Hybrid Meeting on Friday, March 11th at noon at the Italian Heritage Center – Dick Hall moved, Bruce Jones seconded, all approved.
- b) Mike Fortunato & Dave Putnam will check in with the Italian Heritage Center to make sure we understand all the details.

3. Other Business

No other business at this time. Items not addressed in the meeting will carry over to the next meeting's agenda.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 pm by President Bruce Jones. The next Board meeting will be A hybrid meeting and will be held on March 25th at 1:15 at the Italian Heritage Center, immediately following our weekly meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Michelle DiSotto, Secretary

Approved by: Bruce Jones, President