

ROTARY CLUB OF PORTLAND, ME
Board of Directors Meeting
February 21, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 1:44 p.m.

Present: John Marr, President; Kris Rosado, 1st VP; Loretta Rowe, Sec.; Scott Blakeslee, Treas.; Toby Cook, Dir.; Eric Lusk, Dir.; Cyrus Hagge, IPP and Elise Hodgkin, Administrative Coordinator

Absent: Bowen Depke, 2nd VP; Stevan Stromsky, Dir.; Charlie Frair, Dir; Mike Fortunato, Sgt-at-Arms

Guests: None

QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 24, 2014 were moved and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

BUSINESS:

- New Membership Applications - None received
- Resignations - Frank Robbins - accepted a new job and moved to Reno - accepted with regret
- Leaves of Absence - None received.
- Club Audit - can Scott Blakeslee's firm legally do the audit without a conflict of interest - requires further research
- Policy regarding meeting cancellations - If Portland Schools are cancelled, we cancel our meeting. Recently we cancelled two meetings after the schools cancelled in the morning, but by the time of our regular meeting was to take place, the roads were clear and we could have held our meeting. Due to our members being used to this policy and it is the easiest policy to administer, it was agreed that we will maintain this policy.
- Contract is being developed by the HIBTB for the upcoming year. Our current contract expires on 5/9/14.
- Cost of meals is going to increase at the HIBTB + there will be a charge for parking with the new contract - it is being negotiated. The Clarion is also developing a new contract for our meetings to take place at their establishment for the black-out dates from the HIBTB - further data will be furnished at March 2014 board meeting.
- Concerns over the legality of our auction proceeds being used for "Operating Funds" were brought up by a member. Information obtained from R.I. and District assures us that we can use the funds for this purpose, as long as we notify donors that that is where the funds will go and they cannot claim their donations as a tax deduction on their tax returns.
- A member requested information about their signing up with United Way (UW) for payroll deduction and to have the Portland Rotary Club as the beneficiary. Extensive research with UW confirmed that it was legal and UW representatives advised Secretary Loretta to recommend any individual requesting this to have their respective company contact UW for particular instructions.
- The Portland Rotary Club received notification from UBS Financial Services that we were bequeathed just over \$12,000 from the estates of Cathy Cohen and former member Charles (Cuddy) Cohen. The funds were to be directed to the Rotary House, and if it no longer existed, to be directed to a Fellowship Program. The Board moved and approved the funds be designated to the Centennial Celebration fund.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held on March 21, 2014 at 1:35 p.m.

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