

**Rotary Club of Portland Maine  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 17, 2020 1:30-2:30pm  
Clarion Hotel**

**Board Members Present:** Amy Chipman, President, Ellen Niewoehner, 1st VP, Bruce Moore, Secretary, Scott Blakeslee, Treasurer, Elise Hodgkin, Administrative Coordinator, Patty Erickson, Gracie Johnston, Mike Fortunato, Dave Putnam

**Absent:** Bob Martin. John Curran, Nan Heald, Erik Greven

**Guests :** Paul Tully and Charlie Frair

**Business:** The meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm and a quorum was established.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the November 15, 2019 meeting were approved as is.

**Flags for Heroes and Veterans Luncheon:** Paul Tully and Charlie Frair said they would like to have a link on our Rotary Club website to a separate site for Flags for Heroes and an additional site for the Veterans Lunch. Each site would include the ability to sign up and make payments for the event. They reported \$3000. carried over from the Veterans Lunch to cover the expense of the development of the sites. Patty brought up the possibility of using 'EventBrite' as a tool to sign up and pay. Mike Fortunato made a motion, seconded by Ellen, to research setting up a website or link for events such as these. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Scott Blakeslee reported that the District is giving clubs a dues rebate of \$6.00 which amounts to about \$1000. For our club. Amy reported that Bob Martin has suggested postponing a raise in dues because of this rebate and revisit the issue at the end of the year. Scott reported the Club Fund had had a continuous deficit each year for years and estimates we will have a small deficit at the end of this year. The Charitable Fund is also on budget.

**Grant Request from Katie Spatz for Drink Local Tap:** Katie has requested \$2000.00 for her program. Members decided to send the request to the International Services Committee since it is an international project. They can review the request and make a recommendation to the board.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:25.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce V. Moore, Secretary