

**Rotary Club of Portland Maine  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2019 1:30-2:30pm  
Clarion Hotel**

**Board Members Present:** John Curran, President, Amy Chipman, 1st VP, Ellen Niewoehner, 2nd VP, Gracie Johnston, Bruce Moore, Secretary, Scott Blakeslee, Treasurer, David Small, Patty Erickson, Don Zillman, IPP, Elise Hodgkin, Administrative Coordinator, Erik Greven  
Guests: Mike Fortunato, Bill Blount

**Absent:** Nan Heald (Proxy), David Putnam, Sgt-at-Arms

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the November 16, 2018 meeting were approved as is.

**Business:** The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm and a quorum was established.

Membership applications for Mike Anderson and Michelle DiSotto were approved.

Mike Fortunato spoke about having a dinner for unpaid Federal workers and that the Italian Heritage Club wants to help with the event. Club members want to help because the government shutdown has lasted over a month and many workers especially members of the Coast Guard and airport security are having difficulty paying bills. He asked the Club to match up to \$500 in donations. A motion to approve giving \$500 from Community Services was made by Dave Small, 2nd by Bruce Moore and passed unanimously. Individuals could contribute further by buying gift cards to food stores.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Scott reported that we are only behind by \$196 with the Clarion and that if spending goes as planned we should be fine at year's end. It was mentioned we could save money by not printing the roster every year but most people really like the book.

**Other Business:**

Bill Blount made an appeal for helping Dr Peter Stickney of the Deering H.S. Coral acquire a new piano since theirs is broken. The Club agreed to help raise \$750, motion Gracie Johnston, 2nd Ellen Niewoehner, vote unanimous.

Since today's speaker made an appeal for funding help at the end of her presentation a discussion ensued about the need to have a process in place so organizations will know what to do if they want our financial assistance, such as beginning by asking a specific committee of the Club.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce V. Moore, Secretary