

Rotary Club of Portland Maine
Board of Directors Virtual Zoom Meeting Minutes
Minutes were prepared from a recording of the meeting.
June 11, 2021 1:00pm

Board Members Present: Ellen Niewoehner, President, Elise Hodgkin, Administrative Coordinator, Bob Martin, 1st VP, Bob Clark, Dave Putnam, Sgt-At-Arms, Scott Blakeslee, Treas., Amy Chipman, IPP, Mark Foster

Absent: Nan Heald, Club Protection Officer, Bruce Moore, Secretary, Bruce Jones, 2nd VP, Mike Fortunato, Jennifer Frederick

Business: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm and a quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the May 21, 2021 board meeting were approved as is.

Treasurer's Report:

Scott reported that little activity has occurred since the previous month's report. The Club is on track to be in the black at the end of the year..

Administrative Coordinator Position- Search Committee Update:

Bob Martin reported that Alice Alexander, the administrator for the Allen Avenue Church, had been interviewed. Her references are excellent and the committee wants the Board to approve hiring her. Amy initiated a discussion about salary. Elise had taken a voluntary pay cut years ago from \$1200. to \$1000. per month. Bob Clark made a motion , seconded by Mark Foster, and approved unanimously to hire Alice Alexander.

Plan for Live/Hybrid Meetings:

Bob Martin has been in contact with the Clarion and informed them the \$17. meal price is non-negotiable. He learned the Clarion has laid off their meal service staff and is having the Italian Heritage Center provide their meals. The IHC will make a proposal to us. They have improved their broadband capabilities and may be able to be flexible around attendance and meal costs. Bob reports the IHC appears to be the most viable alternative to the Clarion. Because of issues due to Covid, Bob and Bruce Jones are planning to survey members regarding meetings. Improved AV capabilities at the IHC are needed so we can continue to Zoom at our meetings. We are waiting on their proposal to have more information to include in the survey.

Bench Dedication for Loretta Rowe:

President Ellen reported the bench has been installed and the dedication will be June 23rd at 5pm. The rain date will be June 30.

Other Business:

President Ellen reported Patty Erickson and Judy Cavalero have resigned. Bill Blount has asked for a leave of absence since he will be in Europe starting in September. Bob Martin reported he has asked members to notify us if they are leaving the Club by June 15th. Amy suggested sending a reminder the following week and Bob agreed. Elise will also send out invoices.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce V. Moore, Secretary