## ROTARY CLUB OF PORTLAND, ME Board of Directors Meeting

March 21, 2014 (Revised)

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

**Present:** John Marr, President; Kris Rosado, 1st VP; Bowen Depke, 2nd VP; Loretta Rowe, Sec.; Scott Blakeslee, Treas.; Mike Fortunato, Sgt-at-arms; Steve Stromsky, Dir.; Charlie Frair, Dir.; Toby Cook, Dir.; Eric Lusk, Dir.; and Elise Hodgkin, Administrative Coordinator

Absent: Cyrus Hagge, IPP Guests: None

**QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED** 

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 21, 2014 were moved and approved.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

#### **BUSINESS:**

- New Membership Applications Lester Evans reapplication for membership moved and approved
- Resignations Rich Cantz business obligations accepted with regret

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Dave Snow - moved to Kennebunk - travel is an issue - accepted with regret

- Leaves of Absence None received.
- PATHS request to have Rotary fund house project request must be submitted on formal request form so it can be submitted to the appropriate committee for consideration.
- Verbal request was brought before the board for financial assistance for 2 causes: SMAAA for \$40,000 to create Day Care Centers in Falmouth and Biddeford; and the Friends of Long Creek Youth Center for \$1,000 donation to support their programs. Both contacts were sent the formal request document to complete and be submitted to the appropriate committees for consideration.
- New Generations Conference 3/29/14 Deering High School 5-6 people attend Club to pay costs?
   President John volunteered to pay for the costs
- 100th Anniversary the Holiday Inn By-the-Bay (HIBTB) has offered a "stay package" if our committee would like to offer it to attendees to be forwarded on to the chair of the event
- Two contracts for our venues in is the development stage: one contract with the HIBTB; the second contract is with the Clarion Hotel for the black-out dates when we are unable to meet at the HIBTB. Both contracts will be inclusive from May 18, 2014 through June 30, 2015. There is one date (2/27/15) that is open where we do not have a place to meet. This will be conveyed to the Program Chair, in order we might fill it at an off-site location of our program's presenter.
- Toby Cook announced that he is retiring and moving to Montana soon and will be resigning from the club
  and board of directors. He will send a notice of the effective date to the club secretary.
- It was moved and approved to have the Good Cheer Committee provide a survey to our club members
  to see who might need/want someone to transport them to/from our Rotary meetings each week. Loretta
  will assist with its creation and send it out to all club members.
- May 16th board meeting has been re-scheduled to May 9th due to the District Conference being held on May 16th.
- It was moved and approved that the club would pay for any members wanting and willing to attend the District Training Assembly on April 12, 2014.
- Club Visioning Cause Issues and Opportunities presented by 2nd VP Bowen Depke:
   It was recommended that the club needs to develop a cause that will keep our membership engaged at the community, as well as, international level...inspiring our vision to be a leading service club. Goals for our club should be: Achievable

Noticeable Impact Measurable

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A potential "cause" for our club to focus and consider would be childhood hunger, as it is prevalent in Maine with 69,000 children that struggle with hunger. 13% of families live below the poverty line in Portland alone....kids living each day not sure when they will get their next meal. Maine is the highest ranked state in New England and #4 in the country for severe childhood food insecurity.

It was recommended that the board have time to absorb this information and have further discussion at the April board meeting.

### ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held on April 18, 2014 at 1:35 p.m.

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