

## ROTARY CLUB OF PORTLAND, ME

Board of Directors Meeting

March 17, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 1:42 pm.

**Present:** Laura Young, President; Scott Blakeslee, Treasurer; Kathleen Grammer, Secretary; Amy Chipman; John Curran; Jan Chapman; Bowen Depke; Don Zillman, 1<sup>st</sup> VP; Bruce Moore; Justin Lamontagne; Elise Hodgkins

**Absent:** Nan Heald, Travis Parker

### QUORUM

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 20, 2017 Board of Directors meeting were approved as amended.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Scott presented the budget vs. actuals with a shift in line items to reflect current operations. A portion of the International Services line item will be put under restricted funds. Operations actuals are on budget for this year.

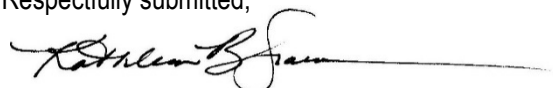
### BUSINESS

- New Membership Applications - Ogy Nikolic, Steve Mortimer, Julie Chase and Terri St. Angelo; joined in February. Andy Stone, Michael Robinson and Brian MacDonough joined Friday, March 10, 2017.
- Motion to elect Tom Ranello to the board, finishing Amy Chipman's term starting July 1, 2017. Motion approved.
- A new menu from HBB was presented to the club with an increase to \$17 per meal. The Clarion will charge a set-up fee of \$50. It was the decision of the board to raise the lunch price to \$17 at both locations and insist a better cuisine from both. Motion approved.
- Don Zillman reported on PETS Framingham MA. There are challenges for some of the smaller clubs in our district and Portland as a larger club has the ability to help in the following areas: volunteering for small club projects, suggest joint meetings with attendance of 150+ to attract speakers. Change times of some meetings to accommodate other clubs. Dues and meal cost structure:
  - To attract university students might we consider different due structure, lower meal costs.
  - Membership of corporate or organizational membership at a different rate if they brought in a minimum number of members
  - Senior membership status
- Community Activity Possibilities:
  - recognize academic stars via Rotary - invited to meetings
  - refugee-ages 16-18 and need for mentors, guardian, foster parent
  - political civility
- Budget Requests: Youth Services - \$4K additional
  - \$1K Youth Exchange, \$1K Transformation Project Housing needs, Long Creek, \$1K Cultural Activities at any Portland school,
  - \$1K Books/Reading programs

A motion to appropriate \$4K to Youth services was made, seconded and approved. One abstention.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:29 pm. **Next meeting: April 28, 2017 (NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!)**

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen B. Grammer, Secretary