

**Rotary Club of Portland Maine
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2019 1:30-2:30pm
Clarion Hotel**

Board Members Present: Amy Chipman, President, Ellen Niewoehner, 1st VP, John Curran, IPP, Bob Martin, 2nd VP, Bruce Moore, Secretary, Scott Blakeslee, Treasurer, Elise Hodgkin, Administrative Coordinator, Patty Erickson, Gracie Johnston, Mike Fortunato, Dave Putnam, Erik Greven, Nan Heald

Guest : Bowen Depke, Membership Chair

Business: The meeting was called to order at 1:45 pm and a quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 18, 2019 meeting were approved as is.

Treasurer's Report: Scott Blakeslee reported that the Club fund is on target with the budget. The funds from the Flags for Heroes are in the Charitable Fund but could be moved. The Charitable Fund is also on budget.

Outstanding Dues : Members are contacting those with outstanding balances to ask if they intend to stay in the Club or not.

Responses to Membership Letter : The Board discussed the various responses to the membership letter and thoughts regarding lunch and meeting place costs. The responses suggest that lack of attendance is due, not to the speakers, cost or other Club issue but members not having the time to attend. Members mentioned their obligations both at work and at home leaving no time to spare.

Other : The idea of paying forward good fortune (Happy Dollars) was discussed and it was agreed to restart Happy Dollars at meetings.

Also discussed was raising dues by \$20.00 per year. Mike Fortunato made a motion to do so, seconded by Gracie Johnston and passed unanimously by the Board with an amendment that it is subject to feedback at the next Club Assembly.

Flags for Heroes Fundraiser : The policy of 10% of proceeds from fundraisers going to the Club Fund was discussed. Although it is reasonable for funds to be set aside for future fundraising efforts, this is not always done. It was decided to leave the proceeds in the Charitable Fund and move some to the Club Fund if needed. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:40.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce V. Moore, Secretary