

ROTARY CLUB OF PORTLAND, ME

Board of Directors Meeting
October 20, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 1:34 pm.

Present:, Don Zillman, President; Scott Blakeslee, Treasurer; Kathleen Grammer, Secretary, John Curran, 1st VP, Amy Chipman, 2nd VP, Nan Heald, Justin Lamontagne, Ellen Niewoehner, Tom Ranello, David Small, Laura Young, Elise Hodgkin

Guests: Bill Blount, David Clough, Bob Martin, David Putnam

Absent: Travis Parker,

QUORUM

Minutes of September 29, 2017 approved as amended.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Scott presented the 2017-2018 budget with a deficit of \$3,000. Because we started the year with a surplus of \$8,600, the board agreed that a small deficit was manageable. It was decided to reactivate a fund/friend raiser for operations. The fundraising committee will be notified. Budget was unanimously approved.

BUSINESS

- Membership Status – Max Chikuta and Michel Kanyambo wish to remain members and will pay their dues. Danielle Conway has paid her dues. Jean Murachanian will decide if she wishes to continue as a member by the end of October
- Resignations-Peter Ingram, Freem Etheridge, John Lock- board approved
- Other business included a presentation from Bill Blount, Music Committee Chair, with handouts and discussion with Bob Martin and David Clough regarding the letter they sent to the board about the singing of songs during meetings. Discussion ensued with several board members stating that they had invited colleagues to the meetings as guests and once they learned that there was singing, they declined to attend. It is thought that community singing is a detriment to growth in the club, especially with people under 40. It was decided that Bill would take this back to the music committee for discussion and Don will invite comment from the entire Club on directions we should go.
- Don mentioned and applauded the long term plan for our Veterans luncheon and involvement. He stated that after this year, all political parties have been represented and in the future, we could concentrate on getting speakers with close ties to Vets or Vet causes and programs.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:36pm. Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 17, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen B. Grammer, Secretary