

**Rotary Club of Portland Maine
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2018 1:30-2:30pm
Clarion Hotel**

Board Members Present: John Curran, President, Amy Chipman, 1st VP, Ellen Niewoehner, 2nd VP, Gracie Johnston, Bruce Moore, Secretary, David Small, Scott Blakeslee, Treasurer, Dave Putnam, Sgt-At-Arms, David Small, Patty Erickson, Don Zillman, IPP, Elise Hodgkin, Administrative Coordinator

Absent: Erik Greven (Proxy), Nan Heald (Proxy)

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August 17, 2018 meeting were approved as is.

Business:

The meeting was called to order at 1:40pm and a quorum was established. President John led a discussion concerning the ongoing negotiations with the Clarion Hotel. Members expressed increased satisfaction with the food and location. President John expects the minimum number of meals will need to be increased from 45 to 50 for the hotel to cover costs. More members are buying meals and the deficit is smaller than previously.

Discussion followed regarding membership applications and resignations. The club has gained new members but some have outstanding dues. It was agreed that member sponsors would reach out to those members with dues in arrears. Dave Small suggested making Earl Leavitt an Honorary Member. Members passed the motion unanimously.

Treasurer Scott Blakeslee reviewed the budget and reported that it is coming in as expected and the deficit is decreasing and is now down to \$130.

President John is continuing to work with USM to establish a Rotaract Club. Our club will offer a Community Service Award to a 'New Mainer' student at USM.

The Nominating Committee gave a progress report to the board.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,