**Rotary Club of Portland**
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2024 at 2:00 PM

**Board members in attendance:**
Dick Hall – President and Treasurer (Part II only), Patty Byers – President Elect, John Thompson – Vice President, Tom Nickerson – Secretary, , Quinn Slayton – Director, David Ertz – Director, Maggie McGauley – Director, Zach Newell – Director and Ben Millick – Director.

**Absent:** Bruce Jones – Immediate Past President and Jake Bourdeau - Sgt-At-Arms
**Guests:** None

**Part I: Discussion of Ranked Choices for Zone Nominating Committee**
With a quorum established, President-Elect Patty Byers called the regular meeting of the Board of Rotary Club of Portland, Maine to order at 2:00 PM.  President Dick Hall was absent for this part of the meeting since he is on the ballot.

The board discussed the five candidates and ranked them in the following order:  1) Dick Hall; 2) Andrew Glazier; 3) Ronald Smith; 4) Elias Thomas; and 5) Robert Laux.   Patty Byers was authorized to submit the ballot.

**Part II:  Regular Meeting**
**Approval of Minutes:**
President Dick Hall reported that the Minutes of the March 29, 2024 board meeting were approved by email and posted to the website.

**Treasurer's Report:**
Dick Hall (Club Treasurer) reported that the April Treasurer report was sent by email.

The club's operating fund remains in good shape; depending how the fundraising ends up, we may need to consider moving up to $3,000 in funds from the operating account to the charitable fund.

The Treasurer report was accepted as distributed.  (Ben Millick moved, John Thompson seconded; unanimous approval)

**Dues for 2024-2025:**
Dick Hall presented a work sheet and a summary on proposed dues for the 2024-2025 year.  The invoices need to go out by May 15th.

The Club needs to increase dues by $30 to maintain a break even budget.  The discounted dues rate for members under 40 years old and members of the Satellite Club can remain.  The Satellite Club primarily meets virtually and supports its work from funds brought with them from the Portland Sunrise Rotary Club when it became our Satellite club.

The proposed new dues rate is:
Regular Members $250
Satellite and under 40 years old $185

**District 7780 Dues**
The District dues are $42 per member which includes a $2 assessment to support the Rotary
Foundation assessment. Dues are waived for all members under 30, so under 30 pays only the $2
Foundation assessment.
Total District $44.00 for 30 and older.

**Rotary International Annual Costs**
$39.25 dues per half year in 2024-25
The required Rotary magazine subscription increased from $12.00 to $18.00 annually, effective
July 1, 2024
Rotary magazine is billed $9.00 per half year
Council on Legislation $1.00 annually
Insurance $6.75 annually 2023-24, estimated increase of $1.00 but not yet finalized.
Total RI $104.25 per year
Rotary bills $39.25 + $9.00 + $1.00 + $7.75 based on membership as of July 1, 2024.
Rotary bills $39.25 + $9.00 based on membership as of January 1, 2025.  The January bill also
includes prorated dues for those joining July 2 – December 31, 2024.

The board discussed the dues and voted to increase dues to $250 for regular Portland Rotary club
members and $185 for Satellite club and under 40 members.  (Ben Millick moved the approval
of the new rate; John Thompson approved and the resolution was approved unanimously.)

**New Member Approvals:**
Dick Hall reported that Mike Ross was approved via email and that there are no new members to
approve at this time.

**International Long-term Youth Exchange:**
Zach Newell reported that his daughter has been approved for Japan.  Our student will be from
Spain. One host family has been approved and we are working on finding two additional
families. We have interest by one additional family member at this time.

**International Service Grant Requests**:
Dick Hall proposed that the board consider support to raise $30,000 for the Club's share of the
Global Grant for the Center in the Dominican Republic.

The board discussed the request and need for a champion to lead the fundraising effort.  The
board is willing to assist to help engage and energize the effort.  The board voted to support the
Global Grant application.  (John Thompson moved; Ben Millick seconded; the vote was
unanimous)

**Other Business:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by President Dick Hall at 3:15 PM.    The next board meeting will be on Meeting on May 31, 2024 at 1:30 PM at the IHC.

Minutes submitted by:          Tom Nickerson, Secretary

Approved by:                   Dick Hall, President