

**Rotary Club of Portland**  
Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
August 23, 2024 at 1:30 PM

**Board members in attendance:** President - Patty Byers, President-Elect - John Thompson, Treasurer & Immediate Past President - Dick Hall, Secretary - Tom Nickerson, Sgt-at-Arms - Jake Bourdeau, and Directors 23-25: Zach Newell, Maggie McGauley.

**Absent:** Vice President - Justin Lamontagne, Director 23-25 - David Ertz, Directors 24-26 - Art Howe, and Nannette Ranger-Duncanson

**Guests:** Ellen Niewoehner, Club Protection Officer

**Regular Meeting**

President - Patty Byers, with quorum present, called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

**Minutes:** Tom Nickerson reported that the August 5<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved by email.

**New Member Approval:** Patty Byers reported that a new member to the Sunrise Satellite Club, Anyah White, was approved by email.

**Treasurer Report:**

Treasurer & Immediate Past President - Dick Hall reported that the Operating and Charitable budgets from 2024-2025 were sent by email. The board reviewed and discussed the report. There are no major concerns. Two members are non-responsive to requests for dues. The approved budget will be posted on the members' part of the website.

**Fundraising Update:**

John Thompson gave a summary of the current status of planning and logistics for the club's first Lobster Raffle. The sub-committee did a fantastic support job of helping to get the project up and running and the launch will be this weekend. Dick Hall reported that the registration link for volunteers is up and he will send out a reminder to the membership.

**Club Protection Policy:**

The Club Protection Officer reviewed the District Policy with the Board. The members discussed the policy. The Board voted to accept the District Protection Policy (Dick Hall moved the question; John Thompson seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.) 2026 is the next date for the Club Assembly on the Protection Policy.

**Long Term Youth Exchange support:**

Zach Newell reported that the Exchange Student has arrived and will attend meetings when feasible; the club still needs one (preferably two) host families and continues to look for volunteers.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Dick Hall reported that he and David Ertz have reviewed the by-laws and plan to bring suggested changes to the Board for review and approval. The suggested changes are to ensure the by-laws are consistent with RI and aligned with current Club practices.

**Next Board Meeting:** The next board meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2024 at 1:30 PM at the Elks Lodge.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM

Minutes submitted by: Tom Nickerson, Secretary

Approved by: Patty Byers, President