Rotary Club of Portland
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2024, at 1:30 PM

Board members in attendance: President - Patty Byers, President-Elect - John Thompson, Vice President – Justin Lamontagne, Treasurer & Immediate Past President - Dick Hall, Secretary - Tom Nickerson, Sgt-at-Arms - Jake Bourdeau, Director 23-25—Zach Newell, and Director~~s~~ 24-26 – Art Howe.

Absent: Directors 23-25 - David Ertz Maggie and McGauley, and Director~~s~~ 24-26 - Nannette Ranger-Duncanson.

Guests: None

Regular Meeting
President - Patty Byers, with quorum present, called the meeting to order at 1:37 PM.

Minutes: The November 22nd minutes were reviewed and approved. Tom Nickerson moved the question; Dick Hall seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

New Member Approval: Patty Byers reported that new members Beverly Uhlenhake and Penny Harris were approved by email.

Treasurer Report:
Treasurer - Dick Hall reported the financials against the forecast. The Operating Account balance sheet remains strong. Two members, Corey Masson and Mike Taylor, have not paid their dues and have not returned messages from President Byers. The costs for the new website set up have been paid. The balance sheet for the Charitable Account is also strong.
The Global Grant application for the Hearing Project will not be going forward. Fundraising expenses have been adjusted to in the forecast to reflect actual fundraising revenues. The club is continuing to explore options to the Casco Climb fundraiser. The board discussed whether it made sense to combine the Quickbooks accounts for the Operating and Charitable Accounts. The board directed the Treasurer not to combine the two accounts if it made the Treasurer's work more difficult. The Treasurer reported that it would make the tasks more difficult and will not be pursing the consolidation.

Actions: The Club voted to terminate Corey Masson and Mike Taylor for failure to pay dues. Tom Nickerson moved the question; Patty Byers seconded, and the board approved unanimously.

The board approved the Treasurer's report: Zach Newell made the motion; John Thompson seconded. Approved unanimously.

Global Grant Application Update:
Patty Byers provided an update on the Global Grant application. The International Services Committee decided to keep the Hearing Project as a local Club effort. There will not be an application for a Global Grant. All donors to the Global Grant have been informed and offered the opportunity to have the funds returned. Many donors have decided to support the project as a local effort. President Byers has informed the Club of this change.

Old Business:
John Thompson reported that the runner up in the Lobster Raffle has received the prize. John is following up with the grand prize winner.

New Business: The board reviewed the Club schedule for the next six months.

Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2025 at 1:30 PM at the Elks Lodge.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM. (Dick Hall moved the question; John Thompson seconded; motion passed unanimously.)

Minutes submitted by: Tom Nickerson, Secretary

Approved by: Patty Byers, President