

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

Board members in attendance:

Dick Hall – President and Treasurer, Patty Byers – President Elect, John Thompson – Vice President, Bruce Jones – Immediate Past President, Tom Nickerson – Secretary, Jake Bourdeau - Sgt-At-Arms, Maggie McGauley – Director, Ben Millick – Director, Quinn Slayton – Director, and David Ertz – Director.

Absent: Zach Newell – Director

Guests: Art Howe (2024-2026 Director-elect)

Business:

With a quorum established, President Dick Hall called the regular meeting of the Board of Rotary Club of Portland, Maine to order at 1:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

President Dick Hall reported that the Minutes of the January 26, 2024 board meeting were approved by email and posted to the website.

Approval of New Members:

Dick Hall reported that members Deb Boxer and Marnie Morrione were approved by email. Keegan Coons has applied for membership in the Sunrise Club. Bruce Jones moved the approved. Patty Byers seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Treasurer's Report:

Dick Hall (Club Treasurer) reported that the February Treasurer report was distributed prior to the meeting.

The club's financial position is in good shape; only 1 member is behind on dues. The Treasurer reported that all payments have been made to Centro de Protesis and the accounting is resolved and agreed to by both parties. The Treasurer is going to review RI member billing to make sure we are better prepared for the next budget cycle.

The Treasurer report was accepted as distributed. (Patty Byers moved, Bruce Jones seconded; unanimous approval)

International Services:

The club is considering applying for a new global grant project. This will be reviewed at the Club Assembly on March 1.

Long-term Youth Exchange: A student has been approved and one host family has been designated. Once that family is approved, we will learn which student will be coming to Maine. We will continue looking for two additional families.

Second Vote on Milestone Donation:

The Board reviewed and discussed Club feedback from our announcement stating our intention to donate \$25,000 to help complete its expansion of its Detox program. The funds would be used to purchase 14 new platform beds and mattresses. The funds would come from the Endowment. In reviewing past withdrawal activity, the Board determined that the Club had not making donations for the past four years and that this donation would be less than the amount had the Board been making donations the past four year. Going forward, the Board recommended that the annual budget for community service projects should include an annual withdrawal from the endowment. David Ertz moved the approval of the \$25,000 donation to Milestone. John Thompson seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the donation.

Visioning Update:

Patty Byers reported that we had a successful Club Visioning event. Laura Young will chair the recommendation committee and will report out at the Club Assembly on March 15th.

Other Business:

Plans for March 1 Club Assembly:

The Board reviewed plans for the next Club Assembly. We will be discussing new fundraising plans, Roger Fagan's recommendation for a new global grant, and a new community service project to paint a US Flag at the Rowe Elementary School.

Billing for No-Shows for Meals:

Dick Hall reviewed the current policy of billing for meals, when a member RSVP that they will attend, but do not show. Because we often have extras show, then no shows are billed only a portion of the guarantee which is not covered. The general consensus was that this should continue, but if there is a misunderstanding or personal pushback we will not insist, to avoid alienating members.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by President Dick Hall at 3:00 PM. The next board meeting will be on Meeting on March 29, 2024 at 1:30 PM at the IHC.

Minutes submitted by: Tom Nickerson, Secretary

Approved by: Dick Hall, President