Rotary Club of Portland
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2025, at 1:30 PM

Board members in attendance: President - Patty Byers, Vice President – Justin Lamontagne, Treasurer and Immediate Past President - Dick Hall, Secretary - Tom Nickerson, Sgt-at-Arms - Jake Bourdeau, Director 23-25: David Ertz, Maggie McGauley, Zach Newell, and Directors 24-26 – Art Howe.

Absent: President-Elect - John Thompson and Directors 24-26 - Nannette Ranger-Duncanson.

Guests: None

Regular Meeting

President - Patty Byers, with quorum present, called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

Minutes: Tom Nickerson reported that the December 2024 minutes were reviewed and approved by email.

New Member Approval: Patty Byers reported that Dan Reardon's application was withdrawn.

Treasurer Report:
Treasurer - Dick Hall reported the financials against the forecast. The Operating Account balance sheet remains strong. Only one member, Laura Rothermel, is in arrears but she has committed to paying. Major expenses for RI Dues and QuickBooks have been paid. No expected large expenses.

The balance sheet for the Charitable Account is also strong. The Club received a large donation ($7,000) from Steve Nelson in memory of his father. With this donation, we will end with a profit of $9,000 versus projected profit of $2,386. Scott Blakeslee is working on the tax returns.

The board discussed creating a corporate Venmo account to move payments from the treasurer's personal Venmo account. The board agreed to cover any Venmo Fees. Upon investigation post meeting, the Treasurer learned that a corporate Venmo as not feasible.

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

Allocation of Nelson Gift:
The board discussed the best use of the gift. The members recommended that the first use of the funds should be to complete the Bayside Trail Tree project and celebrate by purchasing benches commemorating Rotary's role. There was no further decision made for the specific use of remaining funds at this time~~.~~ Jake Bourdeau moved the question, Dick Hall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

DR Hearing Project Update:
Patty Byers reported that the International Services Committee is no longer seeking a Global Grant to fund The Rotary Hearing Clinic in the Dominican Republic. Portland Rotary will sponsor the project. Most of the donations and pledges for the initial Global Grant have been re-affirmed to be used to support the local club project.

Fundraising:
Zach Newell led a discussion of two new ideas: A 5K run and a wine tasting hosted by Marnie Morrone. Board feedback was positive for both ideas and suggested further investigation of where and when a 5K could be organized. For the wine tasting, the members thought the November date would be the most feasible.
Old Business: None

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

Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2025, at 1:30 PM at the Elks Lodge.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM. (Zach Newell moved the question; David Ertz seconded; motion passed unanimously.)

Minutes submitted by: Tom Nickerson, Secretary
Approved by: Patty Byers, President