Rotary Club of Portland Board of Directors

Meeting minutes July 25, 2025

Members in attendance: President John Thompson, President Elect Justin Lamontagne, Vice-President Jake Bourdeau, Secretary Julie L'Heureux, Treasurer Dick Hall, Sgt-at-Arms Zach Newell, Directors Art Howe (24-26), Directors (25-27) Bill Milliken, Immediate Past President Patty Byers.

Absent: Niki Merrill (Director 24-26)

Welcome call to order: President John Thompson

Minutes: John Thompson reported on June 13, 2025 Board meeting minutes were approved by email.

New Members: None to approve.

Dues Report: Dick Hall reported seven members currently have an August 1, 2025, balance due on their dues payments, the total owed being $1,420. Each expressed their intention to continue their Rotary membership.

Treasurer's Report: Dick Hall reviewed summary data about the year end June 30, 2025, operating and charitable accounts.

- Operating loss at the end of the year was less than budgeted at $1099, compared to the anticipated $2,099. Rotary International dues were paid but an outstanding $116.30 is due from two members. Meeting the 25-person meal guarantee with the meeting venue is challenging. Balance sheet as of July 22, 2025, is strong. Discussion about the club's print roster and website expenses. The print roster cost was not budgeted.
- Charitable Account is extremely strong because of the endowment. A motion was required to transfer funds approved of March 28, 2025, from the endowment to the Charitable Account. A new motion was required because the transfer is recommended by the new 2025-2026 Board. A motion made by Patty Byers seconded by Bill Milliken to transfer the funds. Motion approved by unanimous vote.
- Motion by Dick Hall to approve the Operating and Charitable Budget for FY 2025 (July 2025-2026) seconded by Bill Milliken. Approval of the Operating Budget passed by unanimous consent. Discussion on the motion was to delay approving the Charitable Budget in order to first determine the final award for the District Grant to fund the H2O and Solar Lights project in the Dominican Republic (line 4188), and to confirm the Flags for Heroes Committee's donation to the Summit Project (line 6114). The Paper Shredding Project line item will be eliminated. A motion was made by Bill Milliken seconded by John Thompson to revise the Charitable Budget as discussed and vote to approve by email. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

New Board Member: A motion was made by Patty Byes seconded by Jake Bourdeau to authorize President John Thompson to invite Bruce Moor to join the Board to fill out the term thru FY 2026, of a member who resigned. Motion passed unanimously.

Request for Donations: An invitation will be extended to supporters of a global grant funding request submitted by the Rotary Club of Sanford-Springvale, to provide more information requested from the leaders of the catchment dam project in Rajasthan, India, and the donation of $1,000 will be reviewed for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday August 22, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Juliana L'Heureux, Secretary