**Rotary Club of Portland**

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

April 28 2023 at 1:30 PM

**Board members in attendance:**

Ellen Niewoehner – Immediate Past President, Bill Blount – Secretary, Ben Millick – Director, Jake Bourdeau - Sgt-At-Arms, Bob Clark – Director,

**Absent:** Bruce Jones – President, Dick Hall – President Elect and Treasurer, Patty Byers – 1st Vice President, John Thompson – 2nd Vice President Quinn Slayton – Director

**Guests:** None

**Business:**

The regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine was called to order on April 28, 2023 at 1:38 PM by Club Secretary Bill Blount, appointed by President Bruce Jones to chair the meeting. A quorum was not established. However, Bill was subsequently provided with President Bruce’s proxy as a vote was necessary by the Board.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Minutes of the March 28, 2023, Board meeting were not voted upon but have been entered to the club website.

**Treasurer’s Report: Blount**

Dick Hall, Club Treasurer’s emailed report was reviewed by the attendees but Bill deferred questions until Dick’s return from the International Convention.

**Business:**

The Fentanyl Concert will be repeated in 2024. Tom Ranello has volunteered to organize it again. We await three additional pledges but net donations to the charitable account presently stand at $3520.00. Comments arose concerning ways to garner more donations from outside the club for next year’s event.

Membership success: President Bruce provided Bill with information concerning club growth this year. Including Satellite members, we have brought in 15 new members and lost 4. Net 11. We also have three potential new members in “the pipeline” with good youth and gender diversity.

**Other Business:**

In order to provide Rotary International with accurate club membership numbers by June 15, and avoid payment of unnecessary membership dues, it is required that the board terminate inactive members. Fortunately, we only have one member to terminate. Dick Hall has made repeated attempts over the last three months to contact Jean Faustin Gapria via the only contact method we have, his email. No response. Jean never paid his $100 pro-rated dues and never came to another meeting after his initiation. Board members present (5) and with Bruce’s proxy met the 6 person quorum needed. The vote was unanimous to terminate the membership.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Bill at 2:15 PM. The next board meeting will be on Meeting on June 23, 2023 at 1:30 PM at the IHC.

Minutes submitted by: Bill Blount Club Secretary

Approved by: Bruce Jones, President