

Rotary Club of Portland
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2024 at 1:30 PM

Board members in attendance: President - Patty Byers, Vice President – Justin Lamontagne, Treasurer & Immediate Past President - Dick Hall, Secretary - Tom Nickerson, Directors 23-25: David Ertz, and Maggie McGauley, and Director 24-26: Nannette Ranger-Duncanson.

Absent: President-Elect - John Thompson, Sgt-at-Arms - Jake Bourdeau, and Director 23-25 – Zach Newell, and Director 24-26 - Art Howe.

Guests: None

Regular Meeting:

President - Patty Byers, with quorum present, called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM

Minutes: Tom Nickerson reported that the September 27, 2024 minutes were approved by email. The Board reviewed the approval process for minutes.

New Member Approval: Patty Byers reported that no new members were approved since the last meeting. The Board discussed membership goals and ways the Board can support the Membership Committee.

Bylaws Committee Report:

David Ertz reported that the Bylaws Committee met to review the Bylaws and make sure they are in compliance with RI Bylaws and reflect our current practices. He presented the recommended changes for Board review. The Board reviewed and accepted the proposed revisions and recommended presenting the revisions to the Club for review and approval. Patty Byers will send the Club Members the proposed changes and call a Club vote after two weeks.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer - Dick Hall presented the monthly financial report. Dick reported that the Club is \$3,000 under budget as a result of being behind our membership goal. The Balance Sheet remains strong and we are positioned for the half year RI dues, district dues, and website upgrades. Meals are trending about 55% of what was planned. The loss year to date on meals is \$579. The operating budget is projected to have a \$4,000 annual loss, compared to a budgeted loss of \$2,000.

The Charitable Account is strong. All Global Grant funds are on hold and in a savings account. The Lobster Raffle is successful for a first try and is expected to net approximately 50% of goal, but the Club will only expend what is raised.

Action – Patty Byers moved to accept the Treasurer’s report. Justin Lamontagne seconded the motion. The board approved unanimously.

DR Hearing Global Grant update:

Patty Byers and Dick Hall reported that they had a little more information. The Rotary International Grant Officer informed the Club that the ban on the hospital will expire, but the ban on the lead individual will not at this time. They will continue to work with The Rotary Foundation to learn more details about this situation.

Fundraising Update:

Patty Byers gave a summary of the current status of the Lobster Raffle event. Club volunteer response has been strong and the shifts have been fun. The Club has learned a lot from the experience and plans to apply those lessons to next year. The drawing will happen on November 8th at the Club meeting.

Foundation Report:

Patty Byers reported on Foundation activities. The Bridge Walk and Pints for Polio was successful and had over 50 members participate. Patty Byers reminded the Board that November is Foundation month.

Website Refresh:

Patty Byers reported that a group has been formed to review our website and create a new landing page for easier interface and utility. Dick Hall, John Thompson, Justin Lamontagne, Patty Byers and Cort Hepler are the current members. Club Runner will still remain our members' only database and communication tool.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting is scheduled for November 22, 2024 at 1:30 PM at the Elks Lodge.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM. (Tom Nickerson moved the question; Nannette Ranger-Duncanson seconded; motion passed unanimously.)

Minutes submitted by: Tom Nickerson, Secretary

Approved by: Patty Byers, President