

Rotary Club of Portland
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
September 29 2023 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, Quinn Slayton – Director, Maggie McGauley – Director, Jake Bourdeau - Sgt-At-Arms

Absent:, Zachary Newell – Director, David Ertz – Director, Tom Nickerson – Secretary, Ben Millick – Director

Guests: Tony Wagner, South Portland Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club (SP-CE),

Business:

With a quorum established, President Dick Hall called the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine to order on September 29, 2023 at 1:34 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

Noted that the Minutes of the August 25, 2023 board meeting were approved via email and posted to the webpage..

New member approvals:

Michael Mihailos has been published twice, Sep 13, Sep 20. Michael is an Associate Broker/Notary with eXp, Realty sponsored by Niki Curtis. Motion to approve was made and seconded and approved. Welcome Michael!

Outstanding Dues Actions: None

Treasurer's Report: Reported club budgets, roster, speaker listing are now posted on homepage menu of portlandrotary.org (members only access). No comments or questions from members present on financials which were circulated before the meeting.

Flags for Heroes Review and Recommendations: Charlie Frair, Paul Tully. Event achieved 120 flags this year. All time record, however was under the committee's stated goal of 150 flags. They plan to give a detailed report, with recommendations at the next Board meeting.

Visioning: Tony Wagner, presented an overview of club visioning to the Board Members present.

Review of the club visioning process: About 30 clubs have been visioned using the District's program. Is a worldwide process. Portland Club last Visioning was in 2016. Results were 2 large items: (1) CHE Program (Child Health Education) (2) Expand club activities in the DR. About 12 clubs in the District are currently interested in the Visioning Program.

Visioning event is about 20% of work. Ideally 5 or 6 of the 9 board members attend the event along with a diverse group of club members. Vision event starts the process of creating a long range plan that produces actions and programs. For SP-CE committee structure is important as a path to engaging all club members.

Visioning creates an opportunity for the club to gather data from new and old members of the club that helps the club continue to move forward.

Event requires meeting room, a light meal , District will provide 4 or 5 trained facilitators. Time commitment is 4 hours. After the Visioning event a Strategic Planning group is assembled to look at long term outlook of club: it does not have to include Board members. The Visioning event should strive to involve 30 club members representing a diverse mix of members and include 5 or 6 board members.

Moved and seconded to proceed with the planned Portland Rotary visioning event. Motion passed. Scheduled date is Thursday, Feb 15th. Shoot for 4:30 - 8:30PM. Members cannot join after the event after it starts.

Bridge Walk: Patty Byers

Bridge walk request for funds for banners, signs and tee shirts up to Moved and approved to give committee \$1,000 budget.

Bayside Trees Update: Will have more than enough TD Bank volunteers. Club has already received \$9,600 of the \$12,000 grant.

Andrews Square Update: Bruce Jones update. Sad news: benches have not been ordered. Bruce had to call Portland City Director of Finance for a status update. Received a written letter response apologizing and stating that the city messed up. Amber Brooks, Principal Financial Officer is now managing the bench orders.

Credit Cards, Bank Signatories:

- Add to both Bangor Saving Bank Accounts and New Credit Cards – Patty Byers, John Thompson
- Remove from both Bangor Saving Bank Accounts and Cancel Credit Card – Bruce Jones
- Motion for approval. Moved, seconded and approved as stated above. Motion passed with John and Patty abstaining.

Other Business: Nominating committee has been established. To be announced on Oct 27, 2023. On Dec 8th announce nominees and Dec 15th club will vote.

Next Meeting: October 27, 2023 1:30 PM at the IHC

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by President Dick Hall at 2:35 PM.

Minutes submitted by: John Thompson, Vice President

Approved by:

Dick Hall, President