

# Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Board Meeting Minutes

## January 10, 2024

**Present:** President Crystal Brown, Treasurer Karen Arnold, Immediate Past President & Secretary Christine Johnson, Youth Services Kathi Perkins, Dave Rolfe, Foundation Steve Rand, Vocational Service Judith Reidman and PE Phil Spiller Absent: none.

Meeting called to order about 10:05 AM by Crystal

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the December 13th meeting Moved/Approved

**New Members:** No new member applications

**Unallocated Fund Pool (plus \$1000 from the current year budget):** All previously unallocated 22-23 funds have been spent as approved. \$794 remains from the additional \$1000 we added to the elementary school book line item. Moved/approved to use excess fund, up to \$175, to ship books for the English Club at Cociuba Mare K-8 School in Romania. We have two titles in hand (cost about \$110 to ship). We will ask Altrusa for two additional titles which will increase shipping if they can supply the book. The rest of the \$794 (after subtracting the cost for shipping of books to Romania) will be deposited in the Scholastic Book Fair Fund for Gorham Schools.

**Regifting Auction Proceeds:** Move/Approved to use the \$250 we raised during our Regifting Auction on January 9 for Snacks for Vets.

**2024-2025 District Grant:** Midyear report is due February 1. Crystal will work on that. We need to plan a spring “ribbon cutting” which should happen before end of May so we can submit our final report on time for June 1.

**Golf:** We believe we have \$1700 outstanding. Sue Joyce of Hub International contacted Christine on Jan 9 to discuss a mis-directed \$1000 check and how we could now use that to cover the 2023 golf tournament and prepay for 2024. Christine will retrieve our check from Sue. Christine will follow up with resending invoices and an email to all this week, with cc to their primary contact person.

**Wreaths & Trees:** Most payments have been received. Pending two invoices outstanding with Deb Shangraw and two outstanding with Maine Properties.

**Youth Services:** Congratulations to Kathi for being selected as the 2023 RYLA Coordinator of the Year. 2024 RYLA Applications can now be accepted. A WHS Sophomore guidance counselor will be holding a meeting to speak directly to sophomores about this opportunity. Two past RYLA participants are to speak, as will Kathi. Also hope to have someone from RYLA staff speak. Youth Exchange: One short term exchange application received. Kathi has followed up with the student on requirements for the family. No real cost to our club – invite the students to lunch and/or event. Kathi detailed the scholarships we traditionally offer each year. While none is specifically targeted based on community service, the two Interact Scholarships are effectively that.

**House:** 13 West Pleasant St. Poor weather has played some effect on extra work and some delays. Kurt has been great at communicating with Karen about unexpected events. When Karen receives invoices, she sends them to Todd for review. After his approval, they are paid.

**Trailer:** Insurance costs us \$100 per year. We don't have specific plans for this trailer right now but believe we should retain this pending a decision. The trailer should be checked for lock integrity, and contents integrity.

**Road Race:** Steve reached Owens and offered support to move this forward. He has agreed it is a lot for one person to handle. More discussion is required.

**Pizza Challenge:** Planning meeting end January/early February. Phil will set up a meeting and let us know for the calendar. Eli Small/Corsetti's is on board. Need to pull in members to form a committee. Location and date have been set since last year. We will ask Marion Cheney to be a judge for our Pizza Challenge along with Ray Richardson. We need a third judge because Steve O. won't be available.

**Free Community Meal** – Hosted by WG Rotary - Saturday March 2, plan for 130-150 attendees. We need a budget and volunteers. Simon raised his hand to volunteer. The number of volunteers will drive what we can do (buffet vs table service). Need to identify a meal plan to establish a budget. Books have been donated for our use at this event and a request has been made to Altrusa for additional books.

**Budget** – Status of accounts was provided by Karen via email prior to our meeting. There are a few outstanding unpaid memberships. Names were allocated among board members for personal contact. Discussed offering option to pay for the full Rotary year 24-25 with the next invoice (May/June time frame).

**Information/Announcements:**

Meeting Adjourned at 11:20AM

Next Board Meeting Wednesday February 14, 2023 at 10AM via Zoom