

Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2025

Present: President Phil Spiller, PE Kim Carignan, Treasurer Karen Arnold, Secretary Christine Johnson, Youth Services Kathi Perkins, Vocational Service Judith Reidman, and Eli Small. **Absent:** VP Jessica Pate & Foundation Chair Steve Rand

Meeting called to order about 9:04 AM by Phil

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the December 11, 2024 meeting. Approved.

New Members: No applications received, although we hope to receive some this month.

Club Items

Club Master Calendar: Christine asked the board to refer to the “master calendar” and provide any updates or comments. It is available on our shared drive [Master Calendar](#)

Dues status: One dues payment is outstanding from Sandy. She has since resigned, but she has indicated that she will send her first half dues. 16 members paid full-year dues up front. Dues invoices to the balance of membership will be sent this month.

BOD Nominations: We will make the call for nominations at the January 14 club assembly. This is something that must be done at least 30 days before the March assembly where we will be voting on open positions for the 2025-2026 Board.

Mid-Year District Leadership Luncheon: Phil as President, Kim will be attending as PE, Kathi will be attending as AG & District Youth Exchange. Christine will register Phil and Kim using the club card.

Projects/Fundraisers

Golf: Mainly Plumbing \$200 remains outstanding. Save the date email for 2025 will go out in March.

Wreaths & Trees: Kim would like us to try trees again in 2025. Kathi thinks this is an excellent project for community relations and engaging Interact. Moved by Kathi that we investigate selling trees in addition to our wreaths for 2025. Second by Kim. Approved.

Youth Services: * RYLA Materials were delivered to Gorham this week and will be delivered to Westbrook this week also. * The Westbrook Middle School plaque was finally ready and will be delivered this week. * Rotary is now participating in GATY project meetings in Gorham (Tom Violette & Kathi). * District Grant for Pollinator Garden: activity to start soon for spring installation. Kathi will connect with Gorham Parks & Rec who will cut the barrels for the project. * We are expecting Rudy Clarke and hopefully at least some of his students at our meeting for presentation of the plaque for Hal Thomas. Hal's son Jim Thomas is expected. Phil will discuss logistics and timing with Rudy, Judith and Chef.

House: Trees have not been removed yet. The walls have gone up. The house budget has not been updated in a while and needs to be. House funds available \$133K in our accounts plus \$100K line of credit. Total spent \$117K, with a good amount spent on lumber in September. The House should be available for sale in May of 2026. Karen also listed the number of scholarships paid and not paid. We are missing several student emails which would allow us to follow up.

Foundation: Steve was not able to attend to provide a report.

Pizza Challenge 2025: April 24th. No update this month. First project meeting to be held after the January 21 regular club meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Reports were provided by Karen prior to the meeting. We reviewed club and charities spending to date for the house and in each of 15 other budget categories. Account "owners" briefly discussed plans for spending their budget line item(s).

Pop Up Tent/Canopy: Tabled until next meeting.

Playground Map Project: Table until next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at about 10:36 AM

Next Board Meeting on Feb 12, 2025 at 9AM via Zoom