

Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Board Meeting Minutes: January 9, 2023

Meeting called to order about 11:05 AM by Christine

Attendance: President Christine Johnson, PE Crystal A. Brown, Secretary Scott Linscott, Will Brown, Judith Reidman, Kathi Perkins, VP Phil Spiller

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) **MOTION:** Approve **DECEMBER, 2022 meeting minutes**. MOTION/SECOND/APPROVED with corrections of typographical errors
- 2) **MOTION:** TUESDAY MAY 23, Solar Charging ribbon cutting event, in place of our Tuesday meeting, tie in with food insecurity, unhoused, EMS, etc. MOTION/SECOND/APPROVED

REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS/NEW BUSINESS

MIDYEAR DINNER – FEBRUARY 14

This year's format combines mid-year dinner and Rotary Birthday event. Details coming together. Stay tuned. Christine, Crystal and Kathi will attend. Club will pay the \$35 each for dinner for two club officers.

PHF AWARD UPDATE:

Report and recommendations to come in February.

General Direction from board:

- Once a year award
- Boost club member involvement by providing a form

RYLA/Youth – Kathi Perkins

- Posters and promo delivered to schools and Teen Center
- Spoke to guidance counselor
- Crystal N. Brown (2) to help with WHS, Ethan to help with GHS, hopefully
- Applications due end of January

Dasha, Ukraine exchange student, moving to new host family within week. Home visit within 30 days.

Scholarships requested and sent out but a lot of kids have not contacted us for second semester award. Social media announcement? Scott will design.

Contact guidance for emailing kids. Kathi to contact for most improved at WHS & GHS

PATRIOTS DAY RACE? Didn't have enough interest last year. Christine to ask Owens and ? if they want to pursue a 2023 event.

DISTRICT GRANT UPDATE -

Surprise! Solar Charging Unit has been installed in Riverbank Park. Despite asking to be involved and included to meet the conditions of the grant, we were not made aware of the installation.

Plan B? Ribbon cutting with mayor.

Option A – Winter. Provide hot chocolate? Dedicate in honor of someone or something?

Option B – Spring. Lunch cookout? Involve local pantry, locker project, resource? Dedicate in honor of someone or something?

HOLIDAY LITERACY PROJECT:

We successfully provided the Early Childhood Occupations Education program of the Westbrook Regional Vocational School with a complete lending library for the children in the program and the student teachers studying ECOE with the instructors of WRVC.

- 11 books provided in partnership with Altrusa
- 23 books provided by a gift from Pam Leo, The Book Fairy who received a generous donation from Islandport Press.
- 35+ books from Rotary funds, members and friends

HOUSE UPDATE:

- No update.

- After this duplex project, the plan will be for cookie cutter house, smaller, same design repeated.

- Increased line of credit? Not having any success.
- Do we approach this differently and look for a partnership with a bank? Do we approach it as individual project sponsorships of parts of the project? Be creative, repackage?
- Scott to contact CEO of new American branch coming in.

GOLF TOURNAMENT:

STEVE RAND, CRYSTAL L, WILL BROWN to be on 2023 committee

We have had no response from Val Halla yet

Pizza Challenge

– week of April vacation. Thursday April 20, 4-6 PM at Westbrook Community Center in big gymnasium.

FINANCIALS:

Report provided before the meeting.

Wreath sale was very successful but not as successful as tree sale. We need other events to make up the difference.

Adjourn 12:15 PM - NEXT BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 13 AT 11 AM