

# Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Board Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2024

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

Meeting called to order about 9:09 AM by Christine (for Phil who joined about 9:12)

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the September 11 meeting. Moved by Judith, Second by Kathi. Approved Unanimously.

**New Member:** Eric Segee of Dolby Blais and Segee submitted a membership application. Moved by Kathi, Second by Judith. Approved Unanimously. Notice of his application will be published to the membership.

## Club Items

**Upcoming Speakers & Programs:** We discussed offering Interact a meeting slot in December, possibly December 3. Pending Chef Maureen and scheduling of a Holiday Luncheon. Christine reported that we receive emails periodically through our website from outside folks that she screens. She plans to forward some of these to the board based on the subject matter. On Oct 29, RYLA Students from WHS will attend. GHS will Zoom in while we are eating. Christine will work on making the website calendar a bit more robust with program descriptions.

**Dues status:** Aaron has paid his dues. Anna and Sandy may still be outstanding. Will confirm with Karen before next month.

**Trailer:** Steve replaced the door lock on October 8. He and Phil will share the lock combination. Phil is proposing a work session to reorganize the interior. Potentially October 29 after the regular meeting. We need some muscle. Christine will publicize in the upcoming weekly emails.

**Master Calendar:** We are in good shape with progress on items from the calendar. Phil will include a link to the document on meeting agendas.

## Projects/Fundraisers

**Golf:** Gross review about \$33.5K. Net is about \$22.5. We have about \$3K not collected. Christine will check the PO Box. If not received, she will send a collections list to the golf committee. Judith provided some containers to store the golf signs and Phil has those in hand.

**Youth Services:** WHS is doing a Purple Pinkie event for World Polio Day. Emily Gray is the WHS Advisor. They recently elected officers. District RYLA is holding an October event, and Kathi will be inviting the Interact Advisors. GMS award plaque was delivered. GHS Interact is going well. Amy Smith is the new advisor and is very excited to move forward. Nellie is on board to advise her. District Grant – there are two primary tasks for the winter 1) researching what to plant and 2) coming up with the design for the plaque for this collaborative project among Rotary, Gorham Rep and Interact Club. The park is to be expanded and better feature the bee hives. Gorham Rec Dept will take care of watering during the summer, although students might step up to help too.

**House:** The students have started working on site. Trees have not been taken down yet. Steve continues to work on scheduling that. Need permission from adjacent parking lot owner to stage equipment.

**Foundation:** The current Rotary Direct enrollment is 7-8. Steve will be working on folks to encourage joining. Christine will plan to include a note about RD in the next email. Phil asked for a handout about the Foundation to have for the October 22 meeting – Rotary Direct, EREY, etc.

**Wreaths:** 300 Ribbons have been received from Karaboo Ribbons. We have an agreement with Fox Brands to deliver 300 wreaths in November with the Scarborough delivery. Christine will also reach out to the Scarborough club about their plans for delivery since Thanksgiving is late this year and we'd really like to have all completed wreaths delivered by December 1-2, which is only a few days after Thanksgiving. Christine still needs to reach out to Maine Properties to determine interest. We have orders for almost 90 wreaths to date. Every member is encouraged to promote the sale of wreaths.

**Pizza Challenge 2025:** No further update. Phil will work with Pete K to try to bring in David Portney, the CEO of Barstool Sports.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karen was not present and was not able to send a report. Phil asked about presenting checks over the course of the year, as it makes sense, rather than waiting until near the end of the Rotary year. This should be up to the managers of each budget line item to decide how to proceed with that. Phil has asked if the scholarship money donated in the name of Hal Thomas was awarded last May or if that remains outstanding to be used in 2025.

**Pop Up Tent/Canopy:** Phil asked Christine to refresh a quote for a fully branded tent. The price will be key to board approval. It would be a nice item to have.

Meeting Adjourned at about 10:23AM

Next Board Meeting on November 13, 2024 at 9AM via Zoom