

Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Board Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2024

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

Meeting called to order about 9:07 AM by Phil

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the November 13, 2024 meeting. Approved.

New Members: Deb McPhail and Kathy Vraux. Deb was a long-time Rotarian with the Sebago Lake Club. Kathy was a member of that club since 2015. We extensively discussed their applications and previous Rotary membership. Moved and seconded to accept Deb. Vote 7 to 1 in favor. Moved and seconded to accept Kathy. Vote 6 to 2 in favor.

Club Items

Donation: Animal Refuge League. Moved to donate \$500. Seconded and approved. Check will be presented at 12:30PM on Thursday December 12.

American Flag for WRVC: Christine proposed that we buy a flag with stand for the WRVC Dining Room. Eric Segee offered to pay for it out of his company's charitable account. Estimate from Gorham Flag is \$252. Christine will proceed with the purchase.

Dues status: One dues payment is outstanding from Sandy. 16 members paid full-year dues up front. Dues invoices will be sent in January.

Trailer: No update

Master Calendar: We ran out of time to review the status.

Projects/Fundraisers

Golf: One 2024 sponsorship still needs to be collected from Mainely Plumbing \$200. We are on the calendar for September 22, 2025 for our 31st Annual Golf Tournament at Val Halla.

Youth Services: RYLA recruitment has started. Posters will be delivered shortly. Much enthusiasm at both schools and with the RYLA staff. We have budgeted for 10 kids, 5 from each school. Interact: We heard from students representing both clubs at our December 3 meeting. Both clubs have been very active. First meeting for GATY was last Friday. Tom V was able to attend. Our speaker on December 10 was Brooke Proulx, LCSW - Grade 4-8 Social Worker GMS and member of Gorham Action Team for Youth (GATY). Tom Violette plans to attend each meeting. Kathi Perkins will join when she can.

International: We heard from Leah Cromarty at our December 3 meeting. She is a former Westbrook Interactor who is now a student at UMaine and a member of the University Volunteer Ambulance Corps (UVAC). She will be traveling to Costa Rica with UVAC in January and we discussed supporting her on this medical mission trip. We agreed on \$500. If she is back in Westbrook next week, we'll invite her to our Holiday party to present the check. We will also ask her to come back sometime after her trip to share her experience at a regular meeting.

House: No update due to time.

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

Wreaths: Sold out! All 300 were “sellable”. Estimated profit is about \$3640

Pizza Challenge 2025: April 24th. No update this month.

Treasurer’s Report: Reports were provided by Karen prior to the meeting. We have only spent about 10% of our budget so far. We are going to match \$542 to Polio Plus for a total donation of \$1084 to the Rotary Foundation.

Pop Up Tent/Canopy: Tabled again.

Playground Map Project: Kim met with Principal Vicki Hebert on Friday December 6. She has given us the green light to paint the map next summer. A location at the rear of the school has also been selected.

Meeting Adjourned at about 10:49 AM

Next Board Meeting on January 8, 2025 at 9AM via Zoom