

# Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Board Meeting Minutes

## December 12, 2022

**Present:** President Christine Johnson, Foundation Chair Steve Rand, VP Phil Spiller, PE Crystal A. Brown, Secretary Scott Linscott, Treasurer Karen Arnold, Will Brown, Judith Reidman, Kathi Perkins.

Meeting called to order about 11:05 AM by Christine

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1) **MOTION:** Approve **NOVEMBER, 2022 meeting minutes.** MOTION/SECOND/APPROVED
- 2) **MOTION: Honorary membership – Hal Thomas,** member for over 30 years, past Club President. No dues, no financial obligations unless we get him a magazine subscription. MOTION/SECOND/APPROVED
- 3) **MOTION:** Exchange Student Gift - card of \$100 (plus fees) to be purchased as gift to be presented at the holiday party with other gifts that come in. MOTION/SECOND/APPROVED
- 4) **MOTION:** Cash donations to be used to purchase additional books off the WRVC ECO wish list. Remainder will be presented to an interested donor to purchase if they choose. Remaining unpurchased books, if any, to be purchased with funds from our literacy budget. MOTION/SECOND/APPROVED

### **REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS/NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Honorary Paul Harris Fellows**

- We have 7600 Paul Harris fellow points in our account that we can award.
- Will Brown provided examples of application forms and qualifications of nominees. He and Kathi will work to present a proposal to board in February.

#### **DISTRICT GRANT UPDATE**

- Solar Charging Unit to be installed in Riverbank Park in Spring unless city changes the plan.
- Unit had arrived at Public Services garage, has been invoiced and paid
- City has installation specs and requirements and will install.
- Club involvement: park cleanup, host ribbon cutting, publicity, possible landscaping

#### **SPEAKERS – How are they selected?**

- Scott has been contacting, recruiting and scheduling speakers with input from club members. He has updated the website under the CLUB INFO to include a link “Speak to WG Rotary.” This link provides potential speakers with an outline of our meeting structure and a link to a form to submit their topic idea, bio, and available dates so that we can get them scheduled.
- Discussed possibility of assigning weeks to members as has been done in the past, but no decision was reached.

### **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

- Outstanding funds to collect: \$700
- Contacts have been made to work through the collection process

### **Pizza Challenge**

- Week of April vacation. Thursday April 20, 4-6 PM at Westbrook Community Center in big gymnasium.
- Lots of planning to be done and contacts to be made

### **Holiday Party**

- Update: December 13 at WRVC. \$20 per person for prime rib luncheon, appetizers, butter boards, desserts, and vegetarian and halal selection as well. It looks like we will have ~30 in attendance.

### **Holiday literacy project**

Provide a lending library of children's books for the Early Childhood Occupations program at WRVC which currently serves 22 preschool children and 21 high school students. We are 13 books from completing the wish list of books provided by teachers Darlene Bruns and Robin Linscott. We have a donor willing to buy several books off the list and we also have \$105 in donations for books. President Christine Johnson will use those funds to purchase additional books before letting the donor know what is left. We also have additional children's books that were not on the list.

### **Gift for Dasha, our Ukrainian exchange student**

We have \$90 in hand thus far. We will make it \$100 and buy a Visa gift card and have people sign a card and add additional money if they wish at the party to present to her.

### **NO CLUB MEETINGS DECEMBER 20, 27, Jan 3**

NEXT BOARD MEETING JANUARY 9, 2023 AT 11 AM