

Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Board Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2023

Present: President Crystal Brown, Treasurer Karen Arnold, Immediate Past President & Secretary Christine Johnson, Youth Services Kathi Perkins, Vocational Service Judith Reidman. Foundation Steve Rand, PE Phil Spiller joined at the beginning for votes. Absent: Dave Rolfe

Meeting called to order about 10:00 AM by Crystal

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the November 8th meeting Moved/Approved

New Members: Vote to Approve Eli Small. Move/Approved. Vote to Approve Simon Snyder. Moved/Approved.

Status 22-23 Funds Remaining: \$250 for Snacks for Vets – Christine will find a partner to shop and deliver this month. \$312 for Westbrook High School Food Pantry - check has been delivered. Books \$494 remaining Kathi has been in contact with the Superintendent and Kim Fadrigon, Literacy Specialist and Pre-K-8 Instructional Leader. She will reach back out to them to finalize. We may put that money on deposit for the next Scholastic Book event.

2024-2025 District Grant: Solar unit was installed, but we need to confirm if the last few misc items were addressed (nuts, bolts, concrete issue). We think we should shoot for an April event to invite the community. Christine needs to follow up with M&H Signs re banners.

Golf: We believe we have \$1800 outstanding. Karen will review checks received to be sure we haven't missed any payments. Christine has followed up multiple times with Hub (Sue Joyce) and MEMIC (Aaron Paiton). Christine will send out the list again to Judith and Steve for follow up.

Wreaths & Trees: We are finally sold out. Invoices have been sent, as applicable, and invoiced payments have started arriving. We discussed offering a credit card payment option next year for our larger customers, with the addition of a "convenience fee" vs adding to the direct cost of each wreath. We sold 6 wreaths at the FBC Craft Fair this past weekend and received a \$10 donation. \$40 will be sent to Nanna's House at the request of FBC. Christine will provide Karen with info on how to make payment.

Interact Relationship: RYLA recruitment has started. Posters have been dropped at WHS, and Janet would like additional. GHS has asked us to wait until after the holidays. WHS Councilor will be talking to the team at an upcoming meeting and encourage teachers to speak with students after the break. Kathi will ask Neile for a contact with councilors to help with recruitment. Applications open January 2. Interact: Neile Nelson is planning to transition from her advisor role, but not until the end of next year. She is actively recruiting for a replacement to train. We don't have a replacement for Janet yet, but it has been advertised to the faculty.

House: The foundation hole is dug, creating lots of dirt on the property so it is hard to see progress. Foundation to be poured soon. We approved \$15,027 for Gorham Sand & Gravel, an increase over the previous budget, due to a broadening of the scope of work. Karen will be sending out a check shortly.

Road Race: Steve has tried to reach Owens several times with no response yet. We are still interested in broadening the race, but we need support from Owens to proceed.

Food Drive: We participated in the Tips for Charity luncheon on December 8 which benefits the Westbrook Food Pantry. Our table raised \$645. We asked members and friends to bring donations for the Gorham Food Pantry to our December 12 meeting. Karen has the items and will bring them to GFP this week. Suggestion for next year – a multi week drive. Would need to identify a place to store items during that time frame.

New Scholarship Idea: Crystals has asked that we consider new community service-based scholarships, one each in Westbrook and Gorham. Kathi suggested we review all the scholarships that we currently offer and determine if/how we might want to change this mix. Crystal will add this to the board agenda for January.

Budget – Presented via email by Karen. Items discussed are included in the notes above for each topic. Dues invoices have been sent and payments continue to arrive. Our trailer was briefly discussed. We pay \$100 per year (?) and have not been using it for any fundraising in recent years. We should discuss how we might better utilize this asset.

Information/Announcements:

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00AM

Next Board Meeting Wednesday January 10, 2023 at 10AM via Zoom