

# Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Board Meeting Minutes

## February 13, 2023

**Present:** President Christine Johnson, VP Phil Spiller, PE Crystal A. Brown, Treasurer Karen Arnold, Judith Reidman, Kathi Perkins, Dave Rolfe.

Meeting called to order about 12:05 AM by Christine

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1) **MOTION:** Approve **January 2023 meeting minutes.** MOTION/SECOND/APPROVED
- 2) **MOTION:** Accept the new/updated forms for nominating an Honorary Paul Harris Fellow and an Honorary Member. MOTION/SECOND/APPROVED Forms will be emailed to members for a vote of approval at the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 3) **MOTION:** Donate \$200 to FBC Westbrook to help pay for the digital sign upgrade. This sign is used to promote community events and fundraisers, including those of W-G Rotary. MOTION/SECOND/APPROVED
- 4) **MOTION:** Donate \$250 to ShelterBox from the International Budget line to support their work in Turkey & Syria with earthquake survivors MOTION/SECOND/APPROVED
- 5) **MOTION:** Approve signing of contract for Golf Tournament on Monday September 25 and pay \$500 Deposit to Val Halla Golf Course (Town of Cumberland) MOTION/SECOND/APPROVED
- 6) **MOTION:** Approve payment of \$299 for Golf Website from Event Caddy for the 2023 Golf Classic. MOTION/SECOND/APPROVED

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

#### **Hannaford Helps Bags**

- Crystal Reports that we raised \$302 during the month of January at Hannaford Westbrook.

#### **Scholarships**

- Kathi wrote a letter to students we had not yet heard from and printed them on our stationary. Koren at WRVC sent the letters on our behalf.
- 1 additional WRVC student had applied for their payment. 1 WRVC student reports that they have delayed starting college. 3 WRVC students have not yet responded to our letter.
- The GHS most improved has not been claimed. They were contacted via GHS guidance and plan to attend school in the fall.

#### **RYLA**

- We have budgeted for 10 students. Currently, we have only 3 applications from GHS and none from WHS.

- Kathi has reached out to Sophomore guidance who has made the contacts with students, but we have seen no responses so far
- Libby Merrill from Gorham, a previous RYLA participant, has applied to be a Junior Staff member at RLYA.
- A Facebook post about applying was posted and shared on several community boards. Christine will share this post again.

### **District Grant**

- The ribbon cutting event has been set for May 23 at Riverbank Park. We will start publicity for that nearer to that date.
- A permit to use the park for a cookout in conjunction with this event is required from the City.

### **Golf Tournament**

- All funds have now been collected from the 2022 Tournament.
- Val Halla has offered us a date of Monday September 25 and we have accepted. We are waiting for a contract so it can be signed, and deposit returned to lock in the date
- Christine will make payment to Event Caddy to start the process of setting up the website for the 2023 Tournament.

### **Pizza Challenge**

- The event will be Thursday April 20 4-7PM. This is during school vacation week.
- Three pizza places are on board already. Phil and Jack Kivus are working on a list.
- The next committee meeting will be March 28<sup>th</sup> immediately following our regular meeting
- Crystal is checking on options to obtain donated water and possibly other beverages.
- We plan to use SignUp Genius for volunteer coverage. We will set two shifts, basically a set up crew 3:30-5:30 and a clean up crew 5:30-7:30. The hope is that we will have Interact volunteers during both shifts to fill out the required numbers.
- We will have a JetBlue ticket raffle in association with this event. Phil will work on design and print of the tickets to sell.
- The plan is for this to be All You Care To Eat (on site only) vs a set number of tickets.
- We discussed possibly having a DJ or a HS trio for music.

### **Update on Dasha, our Ukrainian exchange student**

She is now with her new family in Gorham. We will send a thank you note to the initial host family.

### **Westbrook Night at the Sea Dogs**

Phil proposed we get involved with Westbrook Night at the Sea Dogs on Wednesday May 24. If we are a sponsoring group, we would get 50 General Admission tickets for \$500 (this is the minimum package). This would entitle us to signage at the game and throwing out a "first pitch". The board gave preliminary approval to pursue this.

NEXT BOARD MEETING MARCH 13, 2023 AT 11 AM