

## Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Board Meeting Minutes: June 12, 2023

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

Meeting called to order about 11:05 AM by Christine

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the May 8 meeting were Moved/Approved

**Honorary Member:** Discussion and vote re Cliff Plummer as Honorary Member Moved/Approved

**Exchange Student Update:** Kathi reported that Dasha was appreciative of her last stipend payment to help with travel. The second host family pushed her to participate more in school activities and she made more friends as a result. The host family took her to the airport, and she made it safely home. There is no follow-up required with the student, but the host families will receive questionnaires. Kathi will write a story for the District newsletter.

**Officer Slate for club vote:**

- Crystal L Brown President
- Steve Rand Foundation Chair as a Director
- Christine Johnson Secretary & Immediate Past President
- Phil Spiller PE
- Karen Arnold Treasurer
- Kathi Perkins Youth Services Chair as a Director
- Judith Reidman Vocational Services Chair as a Director
- Dave Rolfe Club Protection officers as a Director

In addition, we learned that Janet Dosseva has agreed to be the WHS Interact Advisor

Crystal will approach Sandy Bonney about Community Service Chair and Christine will approach Owens McCullough for VP.

**Additional Youth Services items:**

- Westbrook Middle School Awards will be presented June 14, 2023. We are waiting for the two charities to be named for \$50 payment each in honor of the two students.
- RYLA We previously approved payment for 3 students and 1 staff (\$1600). Finding no more kids, we agreed to fund an additional staff position. Move/Approved to spend a total of \$2000 on RYLA 2023

**Budget 22-23:**We reviewed budget vs actuals. Karen confirmed what has been paid to date and what remains to be paid prior to June 30. Checks will be sent based on this previously approved budget. Christine noted that there is a very large “surplus” this year of money raised vs approved spending. We agreed that we need a separate meeting specifically to discuss if/how much to expend and what we would like to support.

**Budget 23-24:** Draft to be sent Tuesday June 13. Work is still needed on both charities and club for agreement from the board and to present to the club for a vote.

Post meeting note: 23-24 Budgets for Club and Charities were reviewed in detail on Friday June 16 at 9AM. They were accepted by the board and presented to the club on Tuesday June 18 when they were approved by a vote of club members who were present.

**Information/Announcements:**

- The District Grant final report for 22-23 was submitted on time. A check for the small unspent amount was sent to the District Treasurer.
- The District Grant request for 23-24 was submitted on time with all qualifications met.
- Frog & Turtle is a lock for our June 29 changeover event starting at 5:30. Personal invitations will be going out to most members on Monday. Cards are written and addressed, they just need to be dropped in the mail. Personal invitations are also being sent to DG Claudia, AG Dennis, Deb McPhail, Greggin Doxee, and Barbra Esposito.
- All thank you notes have finally been sent to the Pizza Challenge sponsors, donors and participants. The final batch will go in the mail Monday.
- District Conference was well attended, with approx 120 people registered. We were well-represented by Phil, Crystal, Kathi, and Christine.
- Dues invoices for July-Dec 2023 have been sent and several have been paid.
- We continue to work with Barbra Esposito on her membership application. She has expressed strong interest and has attended two or three of our meetings but has been extremely busy of late. Phil and Christine will keep working on that. It is still possible she may apply this month and we'll need to hold a quick meeting or email vote since I'd like to try to get her approved by the end of June, if possible. She is a former Rotarian in Portland (many years back) and is friends with Deb McPhail from Sebago Lake Club and Phil.
- All scholarships and toolships for 2023 have been presented at the various WHS, GHS, and WRVC awards nights.

Next Board Meeting to be set after a Survey Monkey questionnaire is sent out by Crystal to the 23-24 Board after the vote on Tuesday confirming the slate noted in these minutes is approved by the club.