

## Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Board Meeting Minutes: August 9, 2023

**Present:** President Crystal Brown, Treasurer Karen Arnold, Immediate Past President & Secretary Christine Johnson, Steve Rand, Kathi Perkins, and PE Phil Spiller. Absent: Dave Rolfe, Judith Reidman

Meeting called to order about 10:04 AM by Crystal

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the July 12 meeting were Moved/Approved

**New Members:** No new member applications this month. But we're working on it!

**Budget:** Karen reported on balances for the club and charities checking and savings. 26 members have paid dues, 4 have not. She continues to send reminders. Karen will track payments for the golf tournament and update the Google docs spreadsheet as payments are received. Steve asked about the funding/allocating of WRVC scholarships under the House Project account vs grouped with other scholarships with offer. Discussion tabled, but further discussion and decisions are required.

**Corporate Memberships:** Kathi reported on what she has learned from other clubs. D-N Club has one corporate membership with the local Y, but they haven't had success with other orgs yet. Brunswick tried but didn't have much success and currently does not have any corporate members. Kathi will continue to investigate to see if she can identify a D7780 club with a successful program. Crystal suggested we approach a local company or two to engage and perhaps work with us on designing a corporate membership that works for them. Kathi suggested that Crystal speak with Crystal Card about helping us with this, either for MCB or other local companies. Just prior to this meeting, Crystal sent out an RI document Guide to Corporate Membership which may help with this process.

**Elementary & Middle School Books:** Kathi has made some inquiries since the last board meeting. She had a conversation with a Canal school teacher during a Locker Project event. That teacher said that giving books to classrooms is a nice idea, but she suggested that we consider providing books to teachers that can be given directly to kids who don't have books at home. More discussion and a decisions are needed – what to do, where to do it, funding available.

**DG Marion:** Crystal has invited Marion to our Lobster Bake and to help with our Golf Tournament. Marion has told clubs that she will not be doing the "formal" DG Visits this year and would like to be involved in a club's fundraiser or other activities.

**Interact Relationship:** Kathi recommended a lunch meeting in Gorham. She believes it is more realistic than a breakfast meeting and more likely to draw both students and Rotarians. Christine suggested meeting at the Rec Department as we did this week. The municipal building is immediately adjacent to the school.

**2024-2025 District Grant:** A check was received from District last week. Equipment was ordered with a 4–6-week delivery timeline. Kathi recommended that announcement of grant receipt and ordering be included in the next weekly club update.

**Golf:** We are now at about 40% of gross fundraising goal. There will be a golf committee meeting on Tuesday August 15 after the regular meeting. A list of action items is needed, and Christine will work on that to have available by August 15.

**Wreaths & Trees:** Brian Fox [brianroyfox@gmail.com](mailto:brianroyfox@gmail.com) thinks he can supply us trees this year (400 was given as a planning/target number) and has sent us a price list for trees. Steve and Christine will review to identify mix of trees to order. We have requested at least 25 dozen and are still waiting to hear if that number is available. Judith confirmed with the City that we can use the Park and that they will post our sale on the electronic sign in front of City Hall. Karen recommended that we bring this up at club assembly and be sure we have support for the sale. Kathi will work with Interact to gain support for bow application and tree lot work (assuming club agrees to proceed).

**Youth Services:** Janet Dosseva is very excited to be our Interact Advisor for this year. Kathi and Janet will be meeting shortly to talk about the upcoming year. RYLA recruitment will start in Dec/Jan timeframe with a goal to recruit more students this year. Getting past attendees to be part of the recruitment process is ideal. The few that went this past year had a great time. Kathi will be promoting summer youth exchange throughout the district this year.

**Live Auction/Silent Auction:** Event is on the calendar for January 9. This will be a fun club event, not a big fundraiser.

**House:** Steve spoke about establishing another line of credit, possibly at another bank, and not rocking the boat with the current LOC with TD bank. Crystal reports that Steve and Judith are working on an article for potential publication in Rotary magazine. Christine will look for pictures and videos from the last celebration held at WRVC and find the scrapbook.

**Back to School:** Kathi has reached out Megan and the two school systems. We will be looking for both items and for money. Kathi will send out an email about this to the club separately from the weekly email.

**2022-23 Unallocated Funds:** The Board briefly discussed how to proceed. Christine will provide the current list of ideas at the August 15 Club Assembly for discussion and additional ideas from club members.

**Information/Announcements:**

**Lobster Bake** Tuesday August 22 at Phil's – Deadline for reservations is August 17th. Phil & Crystal have invited DG Marion. \$40 adult, \$24 child, \$10 child meal w/hot dog. BYOAB

**No Meeting September 5** – Right after Labor Day weekend and first day of WRVC classes

Next Board Meeting Wednesday September 13, 2023 at 10AM via Zoom