

## Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Board Meeting Minutes: September 13, 2023

**Present:** President Crystal Brown, Treasurer Karen Arnold, Immediate Past President & Secretary Christine Johnson, Judith Reidman, Kathi Perkins, PE Phil Spiller, Steve Rand. Absent: Dave Rolfe,  
Meeting called to order about 10:04 AM by Crystal

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

**New Members:** Application from Jessica Pate was Moved/Approved. Christine will prepare her membership certificate and package so it can be presented at the next meeting she attends (excluding her name tag). We will work on finding a mutually agreeable date for her classification talk in November.

**Corporate Memberships:** Crystal Card has left MCB. Kathi had done some research on the subject of Corporate Memberships and President Crystal has asked Crystal Card to run with the Corporate Membership concept.

**Elementary & Middle School Books:** No additional progress at this meeting, but we will continue to work on this because the board sees this as a worthy project. With school now in session, we should be able to identify opportunities.

**Interact Relationship:** Both clubs have asked us to wait until the end of September/early October so the advisors can meet with the kids. They want the groups to be student-led and run organizations. At that time, we will discuss if/how to meet with them for lunch or breakfast or at another time.

**Yellow Tulip Project** – Kelly Maguire is a former WHS Interact Club member. She is a volunteer with YTP, with some personal experience with mental illness. Christine asked the board to approve a speaker honorarium of \$100 prior to hearing her speak. The board was not open to this idea. They would like to hear from her and would like to find out what WHS and GHS are doing with YTP this year before deciding on a donation to this organization.

**Meeting format Discussion** – Concern was expressed that we haven't been giving speakers enough time. Per ongoing practice, speakers have been given notice that the speaking slot is 12:10-12:30, including questions. They are also asked to let us know if they need more time so we can plan accordingly. Some have, but most have not. Going forward, we will plan for speakers to start at 12:05pm, with the end of the meeting remaining at 12:30. President to start and time manage the meeting accordingly, which may mean pushing the raffle and some announcements to the end of the meeting and encouraging Happy Dollar comments to be short.

**2024-2025 District Grant:** Order was placed for equipment which will ship shortly. The unit will be placed near the Public Safety building off Main St, near various fields and recreational facilities. The specs for the base were sent to the Town so they could start site prep work. Shipping costs are within the budget we set. Our need from GSB is about \$1400.

**Golf:** The Golf Committee met after our regular meeting on 9/12. We have a volunteer signup list which has been shared with IDEXX. Crystal and Christine will meet tomorrow to sort existing signs and identify

all additional signs that need to be ordered from M&H signs. Signs must be ordered by Monday September 18. We are making good progress towards our fundraising goal. Now at 84 golfers and are now at about 85% of fundraising goal.

**Wreaths & Trees:** Brian Fox [brianroyfox@gmail.com](mailto:brianroyfox@gmail.com) Steve will follow up on tree mix for our order.

**House:** House committee met after our regular meeting this week. The foundation needs to be installed this fall to move the project forward.

**Back to School:** Kathi delivered items to Megan Perry at Community Policing Center, including requested calculators and ear buds. Additional funds have since been received and will be used to purchase bus passes. Crystal suggested that we identify this as an ongoing project during the school year to continue to meet the needs of students and teachers.

**Road Race:** Crystal will reach out to Owens to see if/how we might plan to expand the race to combine paid entrants in addition to students. Or at least how we can grow the race to serve more kids. Perhaps we can change the prizes to something monetary or scholarships. Further discussion with Owens and Dave Rolfe is required to identify a plan and secure board approval.

**2022-23 Unallocated Funds:** Christine will send out the revised list to the board for review and comment. We will plan a discussion/vote when folks are ready. Phil noted that the Legion Roof fundraiser will kick off soon, with giving levels to receive recognition on a plaque.

**Budget** – Karen sent out a summary of accounts prior to the meeting. We still have two members who have not paid dues. Christine will follow up with Andy. Steve will follow up with Aaron. Christine and Karen will work on reconciling golf tournament payments from Stripe vs PayPal vs check.

**Information/Announcements:**

**Rock Row Get to Know** – September 20 - Christine & Crystal will set up. Christine leaves at 5:30 and Crystal will stay to the end. Crystal will seek another club member to work with her during that last 90 minutes.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30AM

Next Board Meeting Wednesday October 11, 2023 at 10AM via Zoom