

Westbrook-Gorham Rotary

Board Planning Meeting Minutes: April 2, 2019

Board Members:

Present: President Deb Shangraw, VP Kathi Perkins, Secretary Christine Johnson, Interact & Club Protection Dave Rolfe, Past President Bill Chadwick, Vocational Chair Judith Reidman, Treasurer & PE Mike Foley

Absent: Srgt at Arms Carlo Giraulo, Foundation Steve Rand

Quorum present? Yes *Others Present:* Tony Wagner, Holly Sargent, Phil Spiller

Proceedings:

- *Meeting called to order* at 10:25 AM by President Deb Shangraw
- *Secretary's Report:* No objections to March minutes. Mike moved and Dave seconded. Approved. Posted on website.
- *Treasurer's Report:* Given that the month just ended, the statements are not reconciled yet. Mike will send out via email once statements are reconciled. Monies held for the water project will be released to Los Amates Club via wire transfer shortly. Liabilities for past scholarships are not included because they are largely unknown and did not have stated restrictions at the time they were given. Should any of these be presented for payment, they will be treated as expense in that current year. There is still some outstanding dues. Club account is okay, reconciliation will resolve balance. Charities account reflects costs for house this fiscal year and does not reflect full project finances. Those are identified separately within the project tracking. We've recently had some large bills for the house construction for plumbing, sheetrock, etc. These expenses will draw down that account, but there will still be a good balance remaining. Midwinter dinner is characterized as a charitable event for Youth services that included the band, service, guests, etc. Accounts are clearly identified in QuickBooks reports so we can fully understand our financial position.

Announcements/President Updates

- Tony congratulated us on receiving the Global Grant for Guatemala water project in the Los Amates region and in partnership with the local Rotary club there. Bill will make the announcement at the club meeting later today.

Committee Reports

- *Foundation:* No report
- *Vocational Service/House Project:* Dale Ave, our previous project, needs final paving coat on th road and other additions based on approved site plans. We hope to have bids by the end of this month. At Declaration Dr, electrical issue has been resolved and house will be fed underground as originally planned. Judith reported that the Advisory Committee meeting to be held later this week.
- *Interact/Youth Service/Protection:* Dave tells us that we need to have Protection training sometime after July 1. Dave and Christine will book a date. GHS Interact is now up to about 200 members!! Still need to work with WHS to increase participation. RYLA: 8 GHS kids have been interviewed and the interview team would like to send all of them. 3 WHS students to be interviewed today. If the team thinks all three should go, Kathi moved to increase budget by \$125 to support 11 kids. Bill seconded. Approved. Bill and Kathi suggested that they present these "scholarships" at appropriate school events. They will follow up with schools and discuss. Interact Pins have been ordered for the Seniors at GHS and WHS.
- *International Service:* Bill is working on a District grant application for the concrete water treatment systems with filtration and treatment components discussed last month. Application deadline is June 1. At least three club members have already taken the grant training seminar required for a club to apply for grants. Dave moved, Kathi seconded to have Bill move forward with writing the grant. After further discussion, Bill stated that \$5000 would cover the 60 units. Clubs must commit at least \$500 to a project seeking

District Grant funding. Motion remains to move forward writing the grant and we will discuss club contribution next month. Approved.

- *Community Service*: We still need to identify a chair. Christine moved to make a donation to Ronald McDonald House of \$250 while Alicia Milne is here as our speaker on May 14. After discussion, we will table until May board meeting.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- Scholarships of \$500 for Kimmy Goddard and request to fund a \$500 GHS scholarship were tabled until next month.
- Pocket park discussion for Brown St. Phil Spiller told us about plans for city land along the river. The proposal is for landscaping, signage, plantings and overlook. Phil would like this to be a Rotary park. Cost \$15-\$25K depending upon donations and volunteer labor. Pocket parks are seen as community enhancement that increases physical activity and pride in neighborhood. There was no specific action requested of the board at this time. Depending upon timing and further discussion, this may be an opportunity for a District Grant.

Other business: None

Meeting adjourned following completion of business at 11:35 AM.
Minutes submitted by Christine Johnson Club Secretary

Next Board meeting May 7 at **10:15AM** at WRVC.