

Westbrook-Gorham Rotary

Board Meeting Minutes: August 13, 2019

Board Members:

Present: President & Treasurer Mike Foley, PE Kathi Perkins, Secretary Christine Johnson, Foundation Chair Steve Rand, Vocational Chair Judith Reidman, Immediate Past President Deb Shangraw

Absent: VP Scott Linscott, Srgt at Arms Carlo Giraulo, Int'l Chair Bill Chadwick, Interact & Club Protection Dave Rolfe

Quorum present? Yes *Others Present:* No

Proceedings:

- *Meeting called to order* at 10:08 AM by President Mike Foley
- *Secretary's Report:* No objections to minutes of June 4, but the title of the minutes was corrected to remove the word "planning". Re-posted on website.
- *Treasurer's Report:* Reviewed the balance sheet, P&L and Associated Projects for the fiscal year 2018-2019. Club meeting expenses vs club income were a loss of \$244, made up for by net income from Lobster Bake and dues. Highlights of the charities account include higher than projected income and lower than expected expenses from the charity budget, with excess of \$2222. Mike has sought and received board agreement to file taxes for the club account using the simple and inexpensive Form 990 (e-Postcard). A balance of \$585 remains in the Clean Water Guatemala project from which Bill Chadwick will direct spending.

Unfinished Business

- *Sergeant-At-Arms:* Mike reported that Carlo has agreed to continue as Sgt at Arms. Moved by Kathi, seconded by Judith to elect Carlo Giraulo as Sgt at Arms for the 2019-2020 year.
- Club Assembly schedule update – Next assembly is August 27 rather than August 20 due to visit of the District Governor.
- Rotary Night Out – Settled on Sebago Brewing for Oct 29, format is social so no speaker. Folks buy their own beverages. Club will buy a few appetizers to get things started. Christine or Bill C will contact Sebago and request to reserve a couple of low tables for this gathering.
- Corporate Memberships still need to be discussed. We have introduced a reduced dues structure for new members, but should look at other opportunities to structure memberships to attract local businesses and business people.
- Member recruitment – Kathi raised the question of who is the point person for member recruitment, and there currently isn't anyone. It has become the job of everyone and we should identify someone to take on that role to bring some discipline and focus to the effort.
- 2019-2020 Charities Budget – Mike reviewed the budget that was proposed at our special meeting in May. It was moved by Deb and seconded by Judith to accept the budget as presented. Passed unanimously.

New Business

- Kathi presented a proposal for discussion regarding how programs are selected (see attached). We want members to feel engaged with the club and having members arrange for speakers presents a good opportunity. Christine will begin speaking to several members who have not recently gotten a program to pick a date.
- Kathi also discussed the possibility of pre-assigning folks to run a meeting (lead pledge, identify someone to say the prayer/invocation/poem/thought for the week, and introduce speaker). This could be integrated with speaker date assignment. This was tabled for discussion at the next board meeting. Mike mentioned suggested changes that were recommended during PETS training that will feed into this discussion.
- Logo Clothing – Christine made a proposal to pursue an opportunity for members to purchase W-G Rotary logo clothing. She will work with Xtreme Screen Printing in Westbrook to identify pricing and clothing options.

- Funding for school supplies – Moved by Steve. Seconded by Judith to provide \$100 in school supplies to the Community Policing center in Westbrook. We will also ask members to consider making a donation of cash or supplies.

Committee Reports

- *Foundation:* We asked folks to start thinking about who in our community we might award a PHF. One or more. We've asked DG Andy to present any PHFs we have n hand next week during his visit.
- *Vocational Service/House Project:* West Pleasant St lot has been approved by the city for the next house. This is much closer to the school to decrease travel time over the current project. WRVC has just lost heavy equipment instructor. This complicates the completion of the road work at Dale Ave. Steve has a proposal from J. A. Ricci to finish everything at the Dale Ave. Other quotes are being solicited so we can close out this item at the best price.
- *Golf:* Website is up and working. We need to be soliciting teams and sponsors. Steve suggested a sign-up sheet or flyer that can be mailed. He will contact Jess at Sebago Technics to see if she can help.
- *Cormhole:* Christine met with GBE re the tournament this past month. She approached Aaron Paiton about joining the committee to represent Rotary and he agreed to come to the next meeting on August 14.

Other business: None

Meeting adjourned following completion of business at 11:14 AM.
Minutes submitted by Christine Johnson Club Secretary

Next Board meeting October 8 at **10:00AM** at WRVC.