

# Westbrook-Gorham Rotary

## Board Meeting Minutes: February 8, 2022

*Present:* President Andy Turcotte, Immediate Past President Kathi Perkins, Secretary Christine Johnson, Vocational Chair Judith Reidman, Interact & Club Protection Dave Rolfe, Treasurer Karen Arnold, Foundation Chair Steve Rand, and Sergeant-at-Arms Michael Fandell

*Absent:* None    *Quorum present?* Yes    *Others Present:* None

### Proceedings:

- *Meeting called to order* at 10:00 AM by President Andy
- *Secretary's Report:* January 11, 2022 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on our website.
- *President's Update:* COVID Update – Another new variant is being tracked. It appears to be more transmissible than Omicron, but less deadly. This may or may not impact our decision to continue with hybrid or move to remote. Andy suggests we revisit this each week.
- *Treasurer's Report:* Karen sent out reports via email ahead of the meeting. She is tracking happy dollars, raffle dollars and lunch income. She is paying Chef each week when he hands her the bill. *Charity expenditures in the past month:* Polio Plus \$1042, two tornado relief donations at \$250 each, and two WRVC student scholarships at \$500 each. *Quick Books:* We are keeping QB as-is. Karen looked at finding a less costly option, but we would not be able to pull the needed reports. *Lunch Payments:* Karen has set up Square to take payments through our existing equipment for deposit on the club side. This can be used to pay for lunch, raffle, dues, happy dollars, etc, anything on the club side. *Dues:* We still have 3 folks with past outstanding dues, 5 folks with current outstanding dues. Reminders have gone out. Judith will follow up again with Al. Karen will look into if/how we can ask folks to cover processing fees when paid on line.

### Committee Reports

- *International Committee:* The Romania twinning agreement is executed with the Rotary Club Oradea Art Nouveau. The District Grant is proceeding - RCOAN has met with the school to finalize the plan, including requested books. Furniture evaluation is complete and shelving cannot be refurbished - replacements selected. They are also looking into building a reading nook for the younger grades.
- *House:* Steve sent email to the engineer looking for a status update on the drainage plan. The 50% deposit to start the work was sent about 3.5 weeks ago so we should have some results about now. Kirk Nygren from WRVC was copied to keep him in the loop. We need to results of the drainage plan to order the plans. WRVC is anxious to start planning so they can work on the foundation in the spring.
- *Golf:* Heard back from Nonesuch - \$75 per head for golf. Need to follow up with the Willowdale and find out if we can provide our own catering at either one as a potential cost savings (hopefully donated).

### New Business/Announcements

- *VP & PE* – Kathi proposed that Crystal be approved as VP for this year. Andy proposed that Christine be approved as PE for this year. The board has the power to appoint folks to vacancy within the Rotary year. The board approved. We will make the call for nominations from the club membership at the meeting today. Slate for 2022-2023 to be solidified and approved at the meeting on March 8 or March 15.
- *Lunch* – We discussed options for covering lunch costs since we have had limited attendance the last few weeks. Fortunately, Chef has reduced our bill in recent weeks so we either break even or are close to even. However, we will return to a point where we will need to meet our commitment to the school. How do we pay for any overage? Discussed potential for donation to MPTC or ICC, in coordination with the Chef. Or “donation” to the school to cover any excess.
- *Next Dues Invoice:* We discussed sending out early. We discussed May 1 or June 1. To give us the option to move folks off the roles, we felt May 1 makes sense. Dues invoices for first half 2022-23 year starting July 1, will be sent on May 1.

- *CLYNK*: Christine will look into creating a “bottle drive” through the WG Rotary CLYNK account. A virtual bottle drive allows folks to automatically transfer funds from their personal accounts to WG Rotary during the bottle drive window. One can also transfer all or some of personal balances on a one-time basis.

Meeting adjourned following completion of business at 11:19 AM.

Minutes submitted by Christine Johnson Club Secretary

Next scheduled Board meeting is either Mar 8 or 15, 2022 at 10:00AM via Zoom. Date will depend on final decision on birthday celebration to be made shortly.