

Westbrook-Gorham Rotary

Board Meeting Minutes: February 9, 2021

Present: President Kathi Perkins, Secretary Christine Johnson, Foundation Chair Steve Rand, Sergeant at Arms Michael Fandell, Treasurer Aaron Paiton, Vocational Chair Judith Reidman

Absent: Interact & Club Protection Dave Rolfe, PE Andy Turcotte

Quorum present? Yes *Others Present:* None

Proceedings:

- *Meeting called to order* at 10:26AM by Kathi Perkins
- *Secretary's Report:* Jan 12, 2021 meeting minutes were updated & approved. They will be posted on our website.
- *Treasurer's Report: Checks* – Checks were ordered, but shipped to wrong address. Aaron will reorder and make arrangements with the bank to pay some outstanding bills paid. **Bond** – Still working with Chalmers Insurance on options for effective date of 3/1/2021. **House Project** – Awaiting one final bill from electrician. All other bills are received. Pending resolution of our check issue, they will be paid shortly. Other bills are pending for scholarships and tree/wreath costs.

Committee Reports

- *House Project Next House* – Judith reports a good meeting with Todd. He suggested bills be sent directly to us to avoid payment delays and to help us secure available discounts. We would like more control over the plans, change orders, etc. Todd suggested that the school come up with a budget & construction plan and that there will be no change orders without our approval. West Pleasant St location needs to be surveyed first - we have quotes from BH2M and from Dick Eaton. The board voted to go with Dick Eaton for estimated cost of \$2200. Steve will make arrangements and Judith will inform Todd. The current plan is for a duplex and it was suggested that they be condos rather than sold as a two-unit building.
- *Golf* – Still two outstanding hole sponsors. Aaron will check mailbox this week.
- *Trees* – We have all bills. Aaron is making arrangements to pay (see check issue noted above).
- *Exchange Program* – District has decided not to move forward this year.

Unfinished Business

- *Memorializing Bill and Nelson:* A memorial bench was discussed for the new park in Westbrook, but that idea was not accepted now for this specific purpose. Possibly later for a more general memorial bench. The Scarborough Food Pantry was mentioned in Nelson's obituary. If we don't hear anything different from the family in 7 days, we will make a donation to that Food Pantry for \$150. For Bill, the board approved a named Interact Scholarship for Gorham HS. Amount TBD at a future date.
- *Guatemala Global Grant:* Steve is working with Tony on bringing resolution to this project. Need to confirm where the work stands now and if the town has completed their portion of the work. The grant report is now overdue, but the Las Amates Club in Guatemala is responsible for that report.

New Business

- *New Membership Categories and Membership Ideas:* Concerns were expressed about recruiting when we are meeting only on Zoom. Steve suggested that we keep the door open and encourage members to think about folks they can invite to join us for a meeting. Younger professionals should be a good target audience. for this current format. Mike talked about connecting with college age or recent college grads in our area.
- *Ideas for District Grants:* Literacy in Romania. Work in the new park (greenery, bench, etc).
- *Other:* Steve agreed to become Crystal Brown's mentor.

For Future Meetings

- *Community Needs Assessments for Westbrook and Gorham?*

- *Club Visioning?*
- *Strategic Plan?*

Other business: None

Meeting adjourned following completion of business at 11:25 AM.

Minutes submitted by Christine Johnson Club Secretary

Next Board meeting March 9, 2021 at 10:15AM via Zoom.