

Westbrook-Gorham Rotary

Board Meeting Minutes: January 11, 2022

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

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

Proceedings:

- *Meeting called to order* at 10:15 AM by President Andy
- *Secretary's Report:* November 30, 2021 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on our website.
- *President's Update:* COVID Update – Upwards of 50% of cases across US are now from Omicron which is much more transmissible than previous variants. Westbrook testing site is now using saliva testing which provides results faster. Recruitment and Retention remains an issue for our club as well as others. Andy has been wracking his brain for ideas and is looking to the board for ideas. Mike suggested that we work on publicizing programs/speakers. Andy had made contact with Chris Costa (WCSH?) to do a story on Rotary specific to our club, but also about Rotary in general.
- *Treasurer's Report:* Karen presented reports from Quick Books. Additional work is required to clean up the reports, but some items may never be reconciled - we may have to just move forward. Most dues invoices have been sent out – excluding those with an outstanding balance from past dues. Steve has followed up with one person who we expect to pay all past dues. They apologized for missing it. He also spoke with another member at a meeting then followed up with the exact amount. He will follow up again. Andy has also followed up with a member who has agreed to pay. Remaining invoices will go out with both past due and current amounts identified.

Committee Reports

- *International Committee:* Club Twinning – Kathi is concerned about her friend Sorina in Romania. She has not been able to reach her to finalize a date for formalizing our agreement.
- *Youth Exchange:* A number of kids have applied across the district. However, our Gorham candidate may have decided against it because her country of choice was not available right now.
- *Wreath Sale:* Estimated net is \$1749. Invoices have been sent and we expect receipt by end of January.
- *House:* The committee and the school have been in the planning process. The plan is for a single-level duplex, 3 beds & 2 baths each. Expect higher upfront costs for a duplex, but good profit at the end with two units to sell. However, we can't proceed until the drainage plan is complete and approved by the City. Even ordering of the selected house plans is on hold until the drainage plan is approved. A local survey engineering firm has been engaged to prepare the plan.
- *Golf:* GCC will be closing and can't host our tournament in 2022. Steve has suggested that we obtain quotes from Willowdale and Nonesuch. Possibly also Spring Meadow and Valhalla. Christine has previously contacted Willowdale and Nonesuch with no response yet. Riverside was also suggested and Andy will approach them.

New Business/Announcements

- Proposal from Christine to take one meeting off per month through the end of this Rotary year – January 18, Feb 22, March 22, April 19, May 31 and July 4. Proposal was received positively. It was moved and seconded to accept for this year and to be revisited by July. This will be well publicized within the club.
- Voted on between board meetings: \$250 to each of two Districts for tornado disaster relief.
- Moved to raise price for lunch to \$14 to better cover the current direct cost per meal. After discussion, this proposal was revised to raise the lunch price to \$13. This is our direct cash price per meal. It was moved, seconded and approved. Price will be reviewed in a few months to see how club finances are holding up.
- Selection of PE and VP has tabled until the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned following completion of business at 11:25 AM.
Minutes submitted by Christine Johnson Club Secretary
Next scheduled Board meeting is Feb 8, 2022 at 10:00AM via Zoom.