

# **Westbrook-Gorham Rotary**

## **Board Planning Meeting Minutes: March 5, 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:* Sgt at Arms Carlo Giraulo, Foundation Steve Rand

*Quorum present? Yes      Others Present: None*

### **Proceedings:**

- *Meeting called to order* at 10:19 AM by President Deb Shangraw
- *Secretary's Report:* No objections to February minutes. Approved. Posted on website.
- *Treasurer's Report:* Treasurers report was emailed to the whole board by Mike on Monday. Balance sheet and P&L have not changed much since last month. Charities account continues to run at a "loss" for the fiscal year due to house project expenses as house moves to completion. He also presented a actuals-to-budget chart for budget expenditures to date. Reconciliation reports are provided to show movement of money between accounts and payments. Deb has asked the board to review the reports that Mike sends out each month in the interest of transparency. The plan is for Mike to remain treasurer through his Presidency unless we can identify another qualified candidate willing to take this on. Christine will send Mike regarding stipend payments to the two advisors this month.

### **Announcements/President Updates**

- **Reminder:** Our April 2 lunch meeting is a club assembly. We will ask our members to sit with their area of interest/avenue of service as they come in to lunch. This will provide the opportunity for discussions to happen during lunch and for committee chairs to hand out material, as applicable. The plan is to again set this up by area of service: International, Vocational, Youth, and Community/Club.
- A membership application was received from Aaron Paiton. Mike moved, Kathi seconded and board approved to accept Aaron as a new member pending required publication in the Scribbler.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Foundation:** No report
- **Vocational Service/House Project:** Judith had a meeting with Jarre Bryant, Eric Dudley, Todd, and Kirk to discuss electrical connection issues. CMP was not included at the meeting. House is coming right along, but is not yet connected to utilities of any kind. There is still a decision required from City Engineer on manner of connection.
- **Interact/Youth Service/Protection:** Interact Conference - Dave has contacted Bruce to determine how many students from WHS will attend. Dave will also follow up with District to be sure Kathi and Ethan are included in communications. WHS club size is still less than 25. Kathi has not received any applications yet for RYLA, although Bruce has given them out. She will follow up with both Bruce and Neile.
- **International Service:** Bill noted that we have raised nearly \$80K in club and match funds (high amount assumes global grant approval) to drill a well and provide distribution. Our original plan was for Quatros Cayos, but a well cannot be dug there. Our partner club in Guatemala has identified another location, El Pozon Bario in the Los Amates region. The Los Amates Rotary Club is taking the lead on the project, but Bill has met with several "big wheels" in the community who are very interested in a water project. Right now, all of their water is trucked in. The grant application has been sent to Evanston for review. El Pozon Bario is very engaged in the process and Bill is very hopeful that this will happen. Bill will be our speaker on March 12 to talk about his recent trip and current plans. Bill also spoke about another potential project in El Dormido with 60 homes that have been separated from their water system by a tsunami. A possible solution is equal displacement systems which

cost about \$70 apiece - concrete systems with filtration and treatment components. This project is not large enough for a global grant, but could be a good fit for a District Grant.

- *Community Service*: We still have two people reading at Village School in Gorham each week. We are still distributing books to two food pantries, and periodically in other places. Also continue with the books for the library. Dave asked about the map project. For now, that is on hold pending someone interested and willing to take on the project with Narragansett School.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Scholarship fulfillment and payment tracking proposal: Todd is happy with our proposal, but would like to include a minimum 2.5 GPA requirement. Judith moved, Deb seconded, board approved to accept this change. We now have a new policy for students to collect on their scholarships.

### **New Business**

- Possible District Grant submission for June 1, 2019. It was reported that Steve Rand had spoken to Phil Spiller about potential opportunities for a local project. No details have been provided on what this might look like. See notes under International Service in Committee Reports for a possible International project if the local project does not materialize or if more than one project can be submitted. Deb will check with Tony on the rules.

Other business: None

Meeting adjourned following completion of business at 11:25 AM.  
Minutes submitted by Christine Johnson Club Secretary

Next Board meeting April 2 at **10:15AM** at WRVC.