

Westbrook-Gorham Rotary

Board Meeting Minutes: March 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 10:15 AM by Kathi – Andy joined shortly thereafter
- *Secretary's Report:* February 8, 2022 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on our website.
- *President's Update:* Andy mentioned the Rotary Foundation Disaster Response Fund which is raising funds for project supporting Ukrainian refugees. He suggested we donate \$500 to this fund. We also discussed an option to send the funds to RC Oradea Art Nouveau to support their work assisting refugees. It was moved and approved to send money to the DRF. COVID – things are looking better, but we don't know what will happen so we should remain cautious.
- *Treasurer's Report:* We reviewed the Treasurer's report. There were several questions that Karen will take back and investigate with response by email. Stipend is due to WHS Interact Advisor (GHS has been paid). Steve will follow up with Chris to confirm where to send the check. We have 4 members with current dues outstanding, and two with past dues still outstanding.

Committee Reports

- *International Committee:* Kathi has heard from two folks in Romanian clubs she visited during the District Outreach trip of 2019. They have already repurposed some of their previously raised funds to purchase blankets. Both clubs are helping refugees as they come – jackets, supplies, train tickets (as needed to reach relatives). Both clubs said not to send "stuff", but money would be appreciated. Some refugees have asked to stay in Romania, and they are working to help with housing.
- *House:* Drainage plan was complete, although a minor update is required. House plans have been ordered. Regular meetings with the school are planned as the project moves forward.
- *Golf:* We still do not have a golf course. Willowdale will not call back. Nonesuch is pricey. Other course options were quickly discussed. The committee will work on this with goal of having a course secured by the next board meeting. Save the date communications will be sent out as soon as we have a day, place and time to "save", and committee meetings will begin.

New Business/Announcements

- *Budget:* We reviewed the revised budget as proposed by Andy which reflects our much lower fundraising this year due to no trees available to sell. It was moved and approved to accept the revised budget as presented.
- *Road Race:* Owens has found that there is lack of interest among the schools to participate in this race. Coaches like the idea but find it hard to get kids to participate during school vacation weeks.
- *2022 Environmental project:* Karen and Mike will be collaborating on what for that will take this spring – likely a cleanup event similar to the one held last fall.

Meeting adjourned following completion of business at 11:15 AM.

Minutes submitted by Christine Johnson Club Secretary

Next scheduled Board meeting is Apr 12, 2022 at 10:00AM via Zoom.