

Westbrook-Gorham Rotary

Board Planning Meeting Minutes: November 13, 2018

Board Members:

Present: President Deb Shangraw, Treasurer & PE Mike Foley, Secretary Christine Johnson, Interact & Club Protection Dave Rolfe, Vocational Chair Judith Reidman, Past President Bill Chadwick, Foundation Steve Rand

Absent: Sgt at Arms Carlo Giraulo

Quorum present? Yes *Others Present:* None

Proceedings:

- *Meeting called to order* at 10:25 AM by PE Mike Foley
- *Secretary's Report:* No objections to October minutes. Approved. Posted on website.
- *Treasurer's Report:* Mike reviewed the November reports. He mentioned that he recently learned that final paving of Dale Ave has not been completed. Judith told us that Glidden usually does this. We will need to contact them in spring to take care of that. Scholarships: We are now carrying the outstanding scholarships and toolships that we have awarded last spring on the balance sheet. We briefly discussed how long the scholarships should be allowed to remain outstanding. Right now, they are open ended. Bill Chadwick suggested we create a team to review and determine our exposure. Mike told us that he has been working with Todd to identify outstanding from past years. No activity on the Guatemala Project (see International Project notes). We still have outstanding billing from Golf Tournament of \$550. When received, profit will exceed \$9000. More discussion is needed to firm up a policy on rain date, golf credit or refunds. Deb asked about the tax return - deadline is 11/15. We still do not have the material we need from Bill Gowen to file them ourselves and have no proof that he has already done this for us. Deb suggested we file an extension to avoid any consequences for not filing on time. Steve will follow up with Bill G and we may need to work through Tony again to finally resolve this open issue.

Announcements

- Tree lot set up at 11:30AM on Nov 20, many hands needed.
- Rotary Night Out Nov 20 at Mister Bagel.

Committee Reports

- *Foundation:* Steve attended the recent District Seminar. He called it a great session. Our club is doing well on the giving side with good per capita numbers. There was concern expressed about Polio collections as those are down year over year. It may be the folks are tiring of polio looking at "what's next". Steve suggested we have Mike McGovern as a speaker at an upcoming meeting in January or February. He will follow up with Mike to secure a date.
- *Vocational Service:* Current house is being worked on and they are now working inside. We will look into having a picnic at the house location in early May before the kids finish school. Deb asked if anyone oversees the project from start to finish within our club, and the answer is there really is not. Judith stays connected by monitoring progress and Mike see and pays bills. Current model has City providing the land, Rotary is the bank, and we do have dialog and approve the bills. Also, Judith is on the Advisory Committee at WRVC, but they meet only periodically. More discussion about Dale Ave paving: Judith told us that the school usually arranges for an outside contractor to do this, but the project continued for several years and this has fallen between the cracks. Judith will follow up on the paving.
- *Interact/Youth Service/Protection:* Students attended Rotary UN Day this past weekend. We will try to get a couple of them in to tell us about it at the beginning of our Dec 4 Club Assembly.
- *International Service:* Bill Chadwick reminded us that the control of the grant is with the Las Amates club. Both a blessing and a frustration. No recent expenditures.
- *Community Service:* Collecting items for Rolling Thunders' yard sale on Nov 18 at Dunn St. Items being centralized at Deb's offices on Main St or pick up on Thursday.

Unfinished Business

- Community Service – We still need a new chair. Sarah is willing to help, but needs someone else to take the lead.
- Christmas Tree Trailer: Deb reported that we can't get help from Moody's this year. We need to regroup in spring and ask again or do it ourselves. The art work with the students will be coordinated in May with Deb's teacher contact for a September 2019 projected timeframe. (To paint a scene on the trailer).
- Cornhole – Ethan sent an email letting us know that Rotary will be receiving \$2000 from the cornhole tournaments. Expect to hear more at the lunch meeting.

New Business

- Christine asked the board to consider helping District Rotaract Clubs, including the one at St Joseph's in Standish, to participate in a recovery project in Puerto Rico. Steve asked that Christine send out a summary for review. The amount discussed, but not yet approved is \$1000.
- Christmas Sales: Possible sponsor and volunteers from Convenient MD. Mike continues to work that issue. SignUpGenius link has been sent out to members. Most weeknights have been taken, now we need to work on the weekends. Mike asked about outside volunteers and we'll send the link to Donna at MPTC. We need as many volunteers as possible for lunchtime on Nov 20 to set up the lot. Steve is coordinating for tree delivery on Friday targeting 9-9:30 arrival of trees. Ethan has contacted Neile by email and Steve will follow up with Bruce to see if we can get some students to help with tree off load. We will continue to explore options on how to engage Interactors on weekends when we will likely be busy and have at least two Rotarians on duty.

Other business: None

Meeting adjourned following completion of business at 11:30 AM.
Minutes submitted by Christine Johnson Club Secretary

Next Board meeting December 4 at **10:15AM** at WRVC.