

# Westbrook-Gorham Rotary

## Board Meeting Minutes: November 30, 2021

*Present:* President Andy Turcotte, Immediate Past President Kathi Perkins, Secretary Christine Johnson, Vocational Chair Judith Reidman, Foundation Chair Steve Rand, Sergeant-at-Arms Michael Fandell, Treasurer Karen Arnold

*Absent:* Interact & Club Protection Dave Rolfe    *Quorum present?* Yes    *Others Present:* None

### **Proceedings:**

- *Meeting called to order* at 10:30 AM by President Andy
- *Secretary's Report:* October 19, 2021 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on our website.
- *President's Update:* Andy is following the Omicron variant and is concerned. So far, it has not been identified in the US, but it is likely already here. The Westbrook test site will soon be starting a rapid "saliva test" which they hope to roll out in the next couple of weeks. If we do a holiday party, we should do it sooner rather than later. Note: Chef Limoggio has proposed Dec 14 or 21. Andy proposes we go with Dec 14.
- *Treasurer's Report:* Karen went through a detailed review of the finances. Charities side is in good shape. Club side is struggling. We need to collect past due dues from several members which will help the situation. We are paying \$80/month for QB, looking at how we can reduce that large expense. Possibly moving to another application. She is also looking at online and point of sale tools for use in collecting meeting expenses.

### **Committee Reports**

- *Sea Bag Fundraiser:* 40 bags were ordered. Sea Bags production schedule has us completing on Dec 15 or perhaps a couple of days sooner. We are proposing to donate \$2600 to TTD. This includes all proceeds from Sea Bags (approx. \$2560, rounded up to \$2600). Judith will contact TTD to see if someone can attend on Dec 14 for the presentation.
- *International Committee:* Club Twinning - Kathi has proposed that we develop a formal twinning club relationship with the Oradea Art Nouveau Club in Romania with which we have done two grant projects so far. Several members of their club speak English. There are no specific financial implications for doing this. It was moved, seconded and approved. Youth Exchange – Kathi is aware of a GHS student who is interested in participating in an exchange program in Taiwan. Either summer or full year program. The student is looking into the costs of those options. Kathi is proposing that that we consider sponsoring this exchange student. Board is open to further discussion. Short term program is easier to support. Board would be more interested in more information about implications of a long-term exchange. Moved, seconded and approved to support short term. Further discussion required on the long-term program.
- *Wreath Sale:* Wreaths arrived on scheduled Monday morning November 22. Bows continue to be delayed. They should arrive by Friday and we will need a work party over next weekend to complete all 180 by Monday.
- *House:* The duplex design has not been completed. A drainage plan is required by the City, but can't be started until we have the house design. We would like to have two-story, but WRVC is looking at single-story. There are implications for cost, work, safety, and insurance with a two-story structure. Need to confirm if we can have one or two curb cuts. Still waiting for a meeting with Todd.

### **New Business/Announcements**

- It is proposed that we develop some minimum criteria for making someone an honorary member. Other factors to be considered by the board.
- Moved and approved to make Pat Plummer an honorary member pending some "good standing" items to be cleared up.

Meeting adjourned following completion of business at 11:20 AM.

Minutes submitted by Christine Johnson Club Secretary

Next scheduled Board meeting is Jan 11, 2022 at 10:15AM via Zoom.