

Westbrook-Gorham Rotary

Board Meeting Minutes: October 8, 2019

Board Members:

Present: President & Treasurer Mike Foley, PE Kathi Perkins, Secretary Christine Johnson, Foundation Chair Steve Rand, VP Scott Linscott, Int'l Chair Bill Chadwick, Interact & Club Protection Dave Rolfe, Vocational Chair Judith Reidman

Absent:, Srgt at Arms Carlo Giraulo, , Immediate Past President Deb Shangraw

Quorum present? Yes *Others Present:* Holly Sargent

Proceedings:

- *Meeting called to order* at 10:05 AM by President Mike Foley
- *Secretary's Report:* No objections to minutes of August 13. Correcting one date to Oct 29. They will be updated on website.
- *Treasurer's Report:* 2018-2019 Tax Return - Mike has filed the returns as requested by the board. Interesting note, our Tax ID is labeled "rotary international" vs our actual club name, but it has apparently always been that way. 2019-2020 Rotary Year Balance Sheet, P&L, Associated Projects, & Reconciliation: Mike provided balance and activity in all of our bank accounts to the board prior to the meeting. Guatemala water filter project: all money has been transferred to pay for the project, the account is now closed. Golf: 11-hole sponsors still due prior to meeting, Steve provided checks during the meeting and we may see a few more by close of our regular meeting.

Unfinished Business

- Club Assembly Schedule: Next date October 15th, 2019 – For lunch, we will try to encourage folks to sit by committee of interest. Following lunch, we will report out on RotaryRocks with focus on the member engagement pieces. Summarize. Use next week to try to organize a small membership committee to talk in detail about action steps to better engage current members and recruit new members.
- Rotary Night Out: Settled on Sebago Brewing for Oct 29, format is social so no speaker. Roughly 5:30-7. We'll have some appetizers, but people will order and pay for own food and beverage.
- Speaker Schedule: PE Kathi Perkins – Kathi would like to assign people to specific weeks for programs. We have gotten some recent volunteers and Christine will continue to work on that. Especially engaging the newer members.
- Meeting format: PE Kathi Perkins suggested we mix up who offers invocation/spoken word/thought for the week/quote, etc, to move away from Christian prayer every single week. This can be a prayer, but it can also take the form of whatever the assigned person wishes it to. We don't want to alienate people, but some board members would like us to find a way to be more inclusive. Scott suggested with make any change gradually. Using the 4-way test this week to start the transition.
- InforMe Background Checks: Dave Rolfe provided a packet of information about inforME. Kathi suggested that the District subscribe \$95 per year, then clubs pay for any individual they want checked.

New Business

- 2019-2020 Goals – Our goals in RCC are not fully flushed out as in recent years. However, it takes a certain amount of effort to manage the database. Includes inputting goals, reporting on results, and completing each project. Christine will take a look at this year and sit with Kathi to work on next year.

Committee Reports

- *Foundation:* Still would like to identify someone in the community to award PHF.
- *Vocational Service/House Project:* Judith – still no electricity at Declaration Dr (issue with CMP not being available to make the connection). Water and sewer are also not connected. With no heavy equipment instructor, those kids have been channeled to other programs.

We will need to outsource to get the water/sewer connected. Also, Dale Ave still needs to be paved and it should be done this year before the mix plants close. There is a meeting on Oct 15 with WRVC. Judith and Steve to review our options with the school.

- *International*: Bill Chadwick- working with Kathi on options for a project in Romania. In Guatemala, well has been drilled with good water flow. Small issue with FL donation, missing their District's match. The project has been turned over to the community for their piece (tanks and distribution). Guatemala bio-sand – units are ordered and paid. Will be pre-cast and ready to be installed between Feb 13-19. Currently 22 folks between church and Rotary.
- *Golf*: See Treasurer's report. A few outstanding hole sponsors. Very successful fundraiser.
- *Cormhole*: Forms are available to sign up Leader board sponsors, boards and teams.
- *Trees*: Steve has ordered approx 400 trees. Lot set-up is planned for a week before Thanksgiving. Delivery Tuesday before Thanksgiving so we can open on Black Friday. We may be able to obtain help from Interact depending up delivery timing. Ordered 15 dozen wreaths.

Other business: None

Meeting adjourned following completion of business at 11:12 AM.
Minutes submitted by Christine Johnson Club Secretary

Next Board meeting December 10, 2019 at **10:00AM** location TBD.