

## **Westbrook-Gorham Rotary**

### **(Board Planning Meeting Minutes: February 6, 2017)**

(Prior to our regular meeting at the Westbrook Regional Vocational Center)

#### **Board Members:**

*Present:* Pres Bill Chadwick, PE Deb Shangraw, Treasurer Bill Gowen, Club Service Christine, Johnson, Vocational Service Judith Reidman, Interact & Club Protection Dave Rolfe, Club Service Sarah Hutchins, Rotary Foundation Steve Rand

*Absent:* Past Pres Jason Beaver, Secretary Michael Foley, Srgt at Arms Carlo Giraulo

*Quorum present?* Yes      *Others Present:* AG Tony Wagner

#### **Proceedings:**

- *Meeting called to order* at 10:35AM by Pres Bill Chadwick
- *Secretary's Report:* (Last month's minutes are posted on the website). There were no objections to the report.
- *Treasurer's Report:* Guatemala Water Project – income shows \$11,750, but we should have received about \$13,500. Bill G and Tony W to follow up and review receipts in detail. House Trust – no items of note. Club Account – We are experiencing a bit of a loss on lunches to date. However, over all we are in a better position than this time last year.

#### **Announcements**

- Frugal Feast Feb 23 – The Locker Project will be highlighted during the program.
- Save the Date April 7 for District Training Assembly at York County Community College

#### **Committee Reports**

- *Foundation:* Steve will provide update next month on total Foundation giving to date. We expect to have about 18 members who will reach \$100 donation and be matched in spring.
- *Vocational Service:* Hole for foundation has been dug. Students are working on footings design & installation. All the walls have been built inside at the school. Update: The foundation is in and will be backfilled next week.
- *Interact/Youth Service:* Dave asked us to be sure we identify our work with Interact when identifying volunteer hours for RCC input. GHS Interact is now at 125 members. They collected 4 duffle bags full of school supplies for Guatemala. Deb suggested we connect with Rotary alumni (former RYLA, Interact, Rotaract) in our community as potential club members. Bill G suggested we offer more RYLA scholarships each year since this program is so attractive to students and feeds the Interact pipeline. Tony W reports that we can now send as many as 12 students per school if funding is available. Price remains \$375.
- *Youth Services/Protection:* There will be training on this topic at DTA. Bill C raised the point that we should all be sensitive to how we interact with each other, in meetings, in volunteer activities, etc. We want everyone feel comfortable and valued in their Rotary service and enjoy being a member of our club.
- *International Service:* Guatemala well drilling – Looking forward, Bill is working with the Los Amates Club to have them take point on a Global Grant. It is hoped that having a club in country take the lead will smooth approval process. We continue to have clubs committed to supporting a future project, all currently supporting clubs plus a few additional clubs. Bill will be in Guatemala next week and will be meeting on this topic. Idea for Future – Bill is working on an idea that we create a Rotary-led trip each year to Guatemala.
- *Community Service:* Sea Dogs- Sea Dogs have asked WG Rotary to be beneficiary of Westbrook night August 15 & Gorham night July 12. Portion of ticket sales donated to our club. Sarah suggests that proceeds from Westbrook night go to Recovery Liaison & Gorham night go to Just Love, an org that works with women who have escaped human trafficking. The board agrees with this plan to partner with these organizations.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- *Tree sales:* Final net for trees in 2017 was \$7382 vs \$5740 last year. A huge thanks to Mike, Bill and everyone else who worked many extra hours to make this happen.
- *Paul Harris Fellows:* For Henry's late son Ken Saunders and daughter Leslie Saunders. Steve has pins in hand and we need to select a date. Steve will coordinate.

#### **New Business**

- *Interact Advisers:* Bill C moved that we pay the planned \$1000 stipend to each of the interact advisers this month. Seconded by Deb S. Approved.