

**Westbrook-Gorham Rotary**  
(Board Meeting Minutes: January 5th, 2016)  
(Prior to our regular meeting at the Westbrook Regional Vocational Center)

**Board Members:**

*Present:* President Christine Johnson, Secretary Michael Foley, Treasurer Bill Gowen, Judith Reidman, Julie Hamm, Dave Rolfe, Paul Emery, President-Elect Jason Beaver, & Assistant Governor Tony Wagner.

*Absent:* Bill Chadwick, Jack Kivus, Past-President Steve Rand, & Patricia Kenny.

*Quorum present?* Yes

*Others Present:* none

**Proceedings:**

· *Meeting called to order* at 10:37AM by President Christine Johnson

· *Secretary's Report:* (Last month's minutes) No Objections to last months. Dues will be going out for the upcoming 6 months.

· *Treasurer's Report:* Christine reported on donations to the food pantries and Spanish book donation.

Bill provided a quick report on the clubs financials and our cash position. The 501C3 application is on back from the IRS and approved. Bill reported that we netted approximately \$5,000 from the tree sale.

**Announcements**

• *MPTC – need volunteers to cook Friday January 15, contact Deb Shangraw or Steve Rand. Paul Volunteered.*

• *January is Vocational Service Month-Christine will talk to Chef about working with a new mushroom business in the city.*

• *We have speaker openings: Jan 19 – Paul Emery; Jan 26 Bill Gowen; Feb 9 Patty Kenney*

• *Next Board Meeting 2/2 precedes Club Assembly*

**Committee Reports**

· *Christmas Tree Sale: Final thoughts discussion took place. Christine will work to schedule a meeting to discuss tree sale followup and going forward.*

· *Literacy Project: Julie reported she is still working on the books and placed more crates.*

· *Charitable Giving: Jason reported committee has not met and came up with some guidelines.*

**Old Business**

· *Dale Ave: Judy reported that DEP determined the drainage ditch is now a stream. She believes this is causing issues and she has spoken to state representatives. Judy advises we should receive correspondence and we have not. She believes this will hinder the sale of future houses. She continues to work on it and will keep us updated.*

**New Business**

• *Midyear Gathering for Club Officers – February 1- Christine, Jason and Bill C should attend. Propose the \$35 per person be covered by the club. Total \$105. Those members should signup and the club will reimburse.*

• *District Conference in June – Steve, Christine and Jason have registered for the reduced rates – Propose the conference registration fees be covered by the Club. This is total of \$500 which will cover all 3 attendees (\$160 each for Jason and Steve,*

*\$180 for Christine). Lodging/travel responsibility of the attendee. Christine feels that the club should cover some of the expenses. There were no objections.*

*•New fundraiser for Winter/Spring time frame – would like to generate some ideas and establish a committee to work on this. Will speak about this in the future.*

*•Westbrook Together Days Planning Committee – would like to get a head start on this. Fundraiser or not?*

*•90th Anniversary Planning Committee-Christine will work on convening a committee.*

*· Other business: None*

Other Fundraisers: N/A

· Meeting adjourned following completion of business at 11:18 AM.

**Minutes submitted by Club Secretary, Michael Foley.**