

Westbrook-Gorham Rotary

(Board Planning Meeting Minutes: January 9, 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

Absent: Past Pres Jason Beaver, Secretary Michael Foley, Srgt at Arms Carlo Giraulo, Rotary Foundation Steve Rand

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: None

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:* Report on tree sales – final numbers not available, but preliminary view indicates at least \$6600 in profit, an increase of at least \$700 over last year. There were two bounced checks, with one collected and the other in progress. Guatemala donations from all clubs so far are \$13,750 with additional check of \$1000 booked today.

Announcements

• February 13th meeting will be held at Dunn St.

• Pres Bill in Guatemala Jan 16 & 23. Deb Shangraw and Mike Foley will run those meetings.

Committee Reports

• *Foundation:* Good progress on both annual fund contributions and Polio Plus. We are well over goal on both at this point, and counting thanks to Rotary Direct.

• *Vocational Service:* House foundation is not in and can't go in until Gorham Sand and Gravel completes their work, likely by mid-January. Forms are under construction now.

• *Interact/Youth Service – GHS Interact completed the HELP project. Narragansett school US map: District 7780 has a stencil, we are second in line to get the stencil in the spring, GHS Interact is interested in helping. We can select a date once we know when stencil is available. We will need to conduct a site review with the school. Rotaract: George Bartlett from Sebago Lakes Region is encouraging the St Joseph's Rotaract Club to participate in the polar dip of their annual fishing derby.*

• *Youth Services/Protection:* Not discussed.

• *International Service:* Bill has learned that the well for Los Amates is a no-go. The testing identified that water is deeper than can be reached by the drill rig that can be transported into the jungle. Road/bridge infrastructure won't support weight of larger equipment. We will ask clubs to let us use this as seed money for a drilling project in another area that is about 2 hours from our original target site (for a future grant, not this year). Annual trip this year will build eco-stoves, concrete floors, dental work, etc. Bill will explore options for a more portable way to help with potable water this year.

• *Community Service:* Reading Friends continuing, \$200 snacks delivered to WMS, The Locker Project continues and we will ask for more advanced notice on dates. Christine will work with TLP to identify dates further ahead so we can solicit help.

Old Business

• *Tree sales:* Square was a big hit. Even with purchase of new fencing, results are excellent. Bill reported that we may target as many as 500 trees for next year vs about 380 this year.

• *Paul Harris Fellows:* For Henry's late son Ken Saunders and daughter Leslie Saunders. Bill has pins in hand and we need to select a date. Henry says we can do this before he returns, but we would like to wait.

New Business

• *Annual Dinner:* Instead of winter dinner, we will investigate combining this event with a celebration of 60 years of the Rotary House project, perhaps in early May.