

# Westbrook-Gorham Rotary

(Board Planning Meeting Minutes: May 2, 2017)

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

## Board Members:

*Present:* President Jason Beaver, Treasurer Bill Gowen, Interact & Club Protection Dave Rolfe, Vocational Service Judith Reidman, Past-President & Club Service Christine Johnson, Vice President & Community Service Kate Wight, President-Elect & International Service Bill Chadwick.

*Absent:* Sgt at Arms Carlo Giraulo, Secretary Michael Foley, Rotary Foundation Steve Rand  
*Quorum present?* Yes

*Others Present:* None

## Proceedings:

- *Meeting called to order* at 10:35AM by President Jason Beaver
- *Secretary's Report:* (Last month's minutes) There were no objections to the report.
- *Treasurer's Report:* Bill presented updated financials for the club account, house account and charities account. Club account is doing well. Meals expense/income are pretty even. Bill has been investigating alternate investment such as buying municipal bonds. However, potential extra income is small and possibly not worth the risk. There were no objections to the report as a whole.

## Announcements

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## Committee Reports

- *Vocational Service:* Work still remains on Dale Ave. Granite curbing, paving and construction material removal. Vocational scholarships are being paid as requests are received, about \$9200 so far this year. Declaration Drive lot needs be prepped before the kids can start work this fall. Judith is organizing this work. A floor plan for the new house needs to be selected.
- *Interact/Youth Service - Gorham* has 5 strong candidates and would like to send all to RYLA along with Aaron Farr as facilitator. Still no word on Westbrook. Board moved and approved sending all six GHS students to RYLA at cost of \$375 each.
- *International Service: Water Project - Cape Elizabeth* is on board with \$2K, Kittery After hours has committed \$1K. They join the host club Los Amates and the Kissimmee FL club. We now have \$7K in commitments. Bill is working on soliciting additional clubs with goal of reaching \$10 for submission around June 1. Participation in House of Friendship at District Conference should help with that.

## Old Business

- **Opioid Project update** - Bill is still working on this with the WPD and Westbrook Communities that Care (drug free coalition). There is work ongoing through the CASH coordinator working with high school students. He has also had interest from Windham PD
- District Conference Donation** -Judith has been working on a gift basket and will provide to Christine by May 18 to take to Rockland.

## New Business

- **Funds Requests**
  - **Intercultural Community Center** – request to help by providing funds towards meeting a matching donation pledge of \$15,000 for purchase of a van. Board declined to support at this time.
  - **Donation to Highland Lake Congregational Church** – to thank the Gowen family for their donation of 140 children's books to our literacy project. Motion made and approved to donate \$50.
- **Potential District Grant** – Discussed project for MPTC or The Locker Project. Approved to pursue project with MPTC to define and flush out potential District Grant application. This project would be furthering the objective of funding a project at MPTC in memory of Paul Emery. Deadline for District Grant submission is June 1.

• **Rotary Gun, Weapons and Armament Policy Petition** – RI recently clarified and emphasized their position on sponsorships in conjunction with firearms manufacturers and sellers. Motion made and approved for President Jason Beever to sign a petition objecting to this policy, with one abstention.