

# **Westbrook-Gorham Rotary**

## (Board Planning Meeting Minutes: November 7th, 2017)

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

### **Board Members:**

*Present:* President Bill Chadwick, Secretary Michael Foley, Treasurer Bill Gowen, Club Service Christine Johnson, Vocational Service Judith Reidman, Rotary Foundation Steve Rand, and Interact & Club Protection Dave Rolfe.

*Absent:* President Elect & Community Service Kate Wight,, President-Elect Deborah Shangraw, Rotary Foundation Steve Rand & Sergeant at Arms Carlo Giraulo

*Quorum present?* Yes

*Others Present:* None

### **Proceedings:**

· *Meeting called to order without a quorum at 10:33AM by President Bill Chadwick. Quorum was made shortly after beginning.*

· ***Secretary's Report:*** *Mike reported the last meeting as prepared by Christine and there were no objections. Also we will have an induction & classification talk Sarah Hutchins tentatively on 1/2/2017.*

· ***Treasurer's Report:*** *Bill presented updated financials for the club account, house account and charities account. He advised we are in a good financial position and the accountant has filed 990. We briefly discussed the separate checking account for the water project. Bill also reported on a bill for the house project from Sebago Technics which will be discussed further by Steve. There were no objections to the report as a whole.*

### **Committee Reports**

*Each Position reported their Individual Committee Responsibilities, Goals, Objectives, Priorities:*

- *Foundation-Steve reported on the recent major donation from Henry Saunders and will followup with recognition. Steve will report on a total for foundation amounts but that we are in a very good position.*
- *Club Protection-Dave reported that training requirements aren't as often but we will hope to do annually. Dave will refresh everyone for the Tree Sale.*
- *Youth Service-Dave also reported on the Rotaract Club formation and the starting on 11/14. He also reported on the United Nations Trip for Interact Students from Gorham & Westbrook.*
- *Vocational-Judith reported that we are behind on the house project and we are waiting for the lot to be cleared. The recent storm delayed everything and there is a hope they can start working on it in January. They will also do some prefab items at WRVC. The Heavy Equipment Instructor is also absent causing most of the delay.*
- *Community Service-Christine reported the reading program started in Gorham at Village School with Christine, Woody, & Steve. Kate is not able to participate going forward. We also had a request for bell ringing and we have not done it for quite awhile. The group felt it was best not to participate given the tree sale. She also reported on upcoming speakers and Crutches for Africa on Saturday 11/18. Christine also reported that Gift of Life inquired to take on 2 cases and that will be discussed later.*
- *International Service-Bill recently reported to the Board about the Water Project Grant and the issues with the application from Latin America. He further updated the board on the details and that the requests are overwhelming and out of reach*

*logistically and financially. Bill has proposed that we continue as a local project and continue with some of the wells. AG Wagner had a call with clubs and some will continue participating with a goal of \$15,000 with about \$11,000 committed to be collected. At the previous brief meeting the board committed to a total of \$2,000 to show some leadership. Bill will update further in the future.*

- *Christmas Tree Sale-Mike & Steve updated the board on the tree sale. Board agreed not to do any trailer improvements this year.*

### **Old Business**

- *Most old business reported during committee reports.*

### **New Business**

- **Kate Wight**-Bill reported on a potential resignation from Kate and some of the details surrounding it. Bill & Christine met with her to discuss the issues surrounding it and potential working through the issues. We may not have completely lost her but we will followup. Deb was willing to step into the President-Elect position.

*Other business: Disaster Relief will be followed up with the donor.*

- *Nelson Harmon donation.*

Other Fundraisers: None

Meeting adjourned following completion of business at 11:34AM.

Minutes submitted by Club Secretary, Michael Foley.