

Portage Rotary Club / Portage Rotary Charities
Officers' Report – July 23, 2021

A Portage Rotary Club and Charity board of directors meeting was held Travelers Cafe and Pub on July 23, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Emily Holman-Turner at 7:34am and meeting ended at 8:40am. Members present were Ben Barber, Chris Cole, Roy Dangel, Dick Hewitt, Emily Hollman-Turner, Joe Romeo, José Santamaria, Matt Semelbauer, Mike Simon, and Mary Lou Wright

Secretary's Report:

1. **Membership updates as of 7/26/21:**

Regular Members	(active)	43	Honorary Members	5
Corporate	(active)	1		
Leave of Absence		1		
Rule of 85 Members	(active)	<u>15</u>		
Total Membership		60	*Erica McCully was removed	

MEMBERSHIP INCLUDING HONORARY 65

Average attendance in July 55.50% (7/28/21 UPDATED)

2. Excel happy bucks/ fines will be e-mail to all members. Emily to attach to the next meeting invite.
3. Left Club – Erica McCully, she will be billed \$112.50, as she was counted for Rotary International and District 6360 head count charges.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking account balances as of 7/22/21

General: \$29,972.27
Charities: \$43,674.70
Interact: \$ 100.00

1. Joe Romeo will update the unpaid dues list, so the Club can mail statements.
2. Chris Cole reported the District will refund the Club \$17 per member for 2020-2021 District Dues; he moved, seconded by José Santamaria, that the refund be transferred to the Scholarship Fund. The vote was unanimous.

President's Report:

1. For Golf Outing - Need golfers, signage, prizes etc.
2. There's an open Board seat; Ben Barber recommended Karen Foster, given her interest at Wednesday's meeting. Roy Dangel will call her and extend the invitation.
3. Emily noted that Erica McCully resigned.

4. Emily and Chris discussed the pending gift from Chad Tuft's trust. Roy Dangel suggested we have attorney Bob Borsos review the document. Emily was going to review the Club's By-Laws for direction of signer(s) on behalf of the Club.

President Elect Report:

1. Ben Barber thanked everyone for their comments at Wednesday's meeting; he intends to meet with Past Presidents to gather insight and institutional memory of past Club activities.

Other Business:

1. Dick Hewitt in response to Ben Barber's comments, suggested the Club consider holding a Scholarship Dinner fundraiser, as has been done in the past before the rivalry football game.
2. Dick also offered to Chair the Park Clean-up Committee, as a Volunteer Park Ranger, he is keenly aware of the need, and he wants the Club to fulfill its commitment to the Parks. He set the date of Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 5:01pm for the next Park Clean-up.
3. Lastly, Dick recommended the Club consider purchasing a video camera in the future, if virtual meetings will continue, he's willing to loan his equipment, when he's in attendance.
4. Mike Simon strongly recommended that Portage Rotary Scholarship Application include the statement: "The recipient understands it's a moral obligation to repay the Portage Rotary Scholarship Fund in the future when means are available." Emily will discuss with Paul Carlson, Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 27, 2021, at Travelers Cafe and Pub.