

MINUTES

April 17, 2023, Meeting of the Hollis Brookline Rotary Club

The HB Rotary members met this morning for fellowship and service. We are grateful to those who support our efforts to serve our communities.

The membership has unanimously and enthusiastically welcomed Drew Gillis as our newest member. Board of Directors meetings will take place on the second Wednesday of the month, 7:30 to 8:30 AM. There are BOD vacancies for next year's Vice President, President Elect. Vince has selflessly agreed to assume the responsibilities of our Treasurer. Youth exchange will continue to be led by Julie and Joline. We appreciate their amazing dedication to the cause. The Youth Exchange program is having difficulty finding candidate families for hosting our inbound student, a female sophomore from Austria. We have a local out bound student who will be going to Italy for 3 or 4 weeks.

We now have 655 runners signed up for the 5 K on Thursday, June 13. We need community volunteers for that day. Vince has been organizing the flag program for us. The middle school greenhouse has been undergoing improvements, thanks to the Lecours. Rick Hardy has been especially diligent, including starting seedlings at Brookdale to prompt student enthusiasm.

Brandon Buteau has proposed that the club help support a school piano program. We look forward to such a project. Our scholarship committee will get together to review the applications. This year's grant will be a one-time two-thousand-dollar award.

Traci Kohonen spoke to us about her work to establish a charter school in Milford. In its initial stages next school year, the program will be a pre-K to eighth grade micro-school for 50 families at Hampshire Hills. Ultimately, the plan is a charter school, Dream Academe, located at the Mile Away facility. Contact Traci for more information at www.dreamacademe.org/contact.

—Peter Webb, *Secretary*