Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2017

Present: Margie Horning, Jack Gibbs, Mel Sullivan, Mark Fisher, Roger Ruetten, Ken McGinley, Shari Clifford, Barbara Tischart, Brett Emmons. Craig Leiser

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 am by Mel Sullivan

The March minutes were approved as presented.

**Finance Report:**

1. The Finance Report was approved as presented.
2. Roger will use the funds at the SCVCF to pay our FFH commitment of $2,500

**Grant committee- Margie Horning**

* Mel received a list of local grants from Jeanne Matlock. It presented a diverse group of needs that our grant funds helped eliminate.
* A future club assembly will explore how the club would like to proceed with the local grant process.
* Barbara presented a draft survey as a method of Club awareness and input on how we proportion our charitable dollars for local-based programs. Suggestions from the group included: an on-line versus paper survey, adding a ranking system to the survey, broadening the survey to “Where in the community and the greater world would we spend $30,000?”, using the established Rotary process for doing a full-Club Visioning Project. Barbara will consider this input and create a plan for what she is looking to answer.
* We received a thank you from Kara VanderKamp for our $2,000 contribution to The Remember Niger grant to help build a security wall around a girl’s school in Niger. Kara and the Montgomery Village Rotary Club will keep us informed on the progress of the project.
* Margie will ask Ute, Jim Meier and Del about their ideas for a district grant proposal. Brett will check into a group supporting homeless in our area to see if they have any needs. We also wondered if the bike trail needed any support at this time.

**STRIVE-Brent Voight**

* No report given

**Membership Report- Jack Gibbons**

* No report given

**Youth Exchange-Brett Emmons**

* Our shared Norwegian exchange student is now living in Liberty and will be attending some meetings. Our 2017-2018 exchange student is from Sweden.

**Foundation Report-Bob Gray**

* Ted Nesse, Dan Schmid and Ed Simonet will receive Paul Harris awards at a future meeting.

**Literacy Report-Don Schuld**

* No report given

**PR Report-Ken McGinley**

* Ken reported that Club Runner will be ordered shortly. Barbara will look into an offer for a 3-month trial offer. We will use both systems for a few months.
* Brewers Bazaar – posters are to the printer, ads taken out in the Growler and City Pages.
* 250 tickets sold – He thinks we are going to be ok on ticket sales
* Growler will have a social media push for the event
* Sponsorships are ok
* There was some discussion about the expectation that each member of the club sell $100 worth of raffle tickets. For next year, we may have a policy that if they are not sold, the club member would be billed $100.

**President’s Report-Mel Sullivan**

* The Rotary Tri Club Cook-Off is tonight - April 20th from 6-8PM at the Lake Elmo Events Center. Laurie Cherry and Rich Cummings have made arrangements with Dale the barber in Lake Elmo to prepare ribs for the event.
* There will be 2 planning sessions – May 16th possibly June 6th.

**Old Business-Mel Sullivan**

* No report given

**New Business**

* Barbara talked about looking into tracking hours of involvement in Rotary events or projects. This type of branding would show the community what we have done and how the community benefitted.
* We will also put together a slide show of our club’s projects to use at a future meeting
* Hearts and Hammers will be a go again this year. There is a home in Stillwater that is being vetted for the event.
* Craig talked about the incoming RI president’s wish that a tree be planted for each Rotary club member. He will look into some opportunities with local watershed districts.

**Upcoming Events**

* Rotary district conference April 27 - 29th

**Next Board Meeting: Thursday May 11, 2017 at 7:00 am at Family Means.**

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 am.**