Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2016

Present: Janis Donnelly, Ken McGinley, Don Schuld, Margie Horning, Jack Gibbs, Roger Ruetten, Mel Sullivan, Bob Gray, Jon Stillman, Barb Tischart, Brett Emmons

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

The July minutes were approved as read

**Finance Report:**

The Finance Report was approved as presented

The Budget for 2016-2017 was approved

Bob Gray presented two investment strategies for the funds with have now at the First State Bank and Trust in Bayport. The Board voted to go with the Moderate Investment Portfolio. It was agreed that Roger and Janis would be the two signers at Bayport Bank.

The Board also agreed to bill for only the spouses at the Holiday party and Summer picnic.

**Grant committee- Margie Horning**

* Margie and Craig have vetted the grants and have discerned which ones are worthy of our support. The grants that have been approved are:

**Kids Alive in Lebanon**

**Inclusive Playground in Cottage Grove**

**Great Shape… a smile project in Jamaica**

**Money for a canine for the K-9 Unit in Heyward**

**Money for home repairs etc. for a disabled senior citizen in Canon Falls**

* Craig and Margie worked on a focus statement regarding spending and came up with 5 criteria. The Board suggested that some of the language could be made more user friendly so they will briefly go back to the drawing board to revise. It was suggested that Jeanne Matlock be involved with the rewording.
* Margie reported that the Kenya Grant is moving along and that other clubs have committed money to that project. She is very confident of success.

**STRIVE-Brent Voight**

* Brent Voigt was not present but Mel reported the very exciting news that there are 2 students who have expressed an interest in attending Camp Enterprise.

**Membership Report- Jack Gibbons**

* Jack reported that we have two new members, Chris Hilgers and Lonny Stormo. There are also two more potential members. Jack was commended for his zeal for Rotary and the nice presentations he has done while inducting the new members.

**Youth Exchange-Brett Emmons**

* Brett reported that the exchange student from Norway will be arriving today. Her name is Annette Larsen and the Noon Club, which is the lead club this year, has 3 host families lined up for her.

**Foundation Report-Bob Gray**

* Bob reported that he will be making a presentation to the club on October 18.

**Literacy Report-Don Schuld**

* Don reported that The Urban Boat Builders will do another canoe project at the ALC this year and hopefully have it completed prior to the Brewers’ Bazaar.

**President’s Report-Mel Sullivan**

* Jim Hunt will be visiting the club on August 23 and will stay 30 minutes after the meeting
* Rick Heidick sent word that the Hearts and Hammers group has chosen a home in Maplewood. He was unable to find a home in Stillwater after much searching. The work will take place on September 17 and will require a crew of about 30 people. The Board passed a motion to approve this work on the house in Maplewood.
* Jeff Nelson will be organizing a “Choir Practice” in the upcoming week
* An Engagement Committee has been formed to discuss a variety of topics to encourage more interaction among club members, structure and flexibility to name just a few. The Committee is in the early planning stages but will meet twice and then present some recommendations. This is a very exciting time for the future of the club.

**Old Business-Mel Sullivan**

* There was no old business to discuss

**New Business**

* Jon Stillman announced there was a “Save the Date World Polio Day on October 24, 2016” and that coincided with the Halloween Parade at Boutwells’s Landing which is where we appropriately do the Purple Pinkie
* Jon hoped that the Club would consider sponsoring 3 students to go to the World Affairs Seminar held in Wisconsin later this year. That was given Board approval
* Jon also threw out the idea of starting an Interact Club at the High School which would include students ages 12-18. After discussion it was decided that more research was needed to see if this is a viable project. Don Schuld will help Jon with the research.

**Upcoming Events:**

* Halloween Parade with Margie Horning as the organizer.

**Next Board Meeting: Thursday September 8, 2016 at 7:00 am at Family Means.**

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 am.**