Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2016

Present: Janis Donnelly, Don Schuld, Margie Horning, Jack Gibbs, Roger Ruetten, Mel Sullivan, Bob Gray, Barbara Tischart, Brent Voight, Steve Madsen, Jon Stillman, Ed Boeve, Craig Leiser, Ken McGinley, Brett Emmons

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

The October minutes were approved as read. No meeting was held on November 8, 2016

**Finance Report:**

1. The Finance Report was approved as presented. Jon Stillman asked that the Club sponsor three students next year for the World Affairs Seminar and that was duly noted.
2. Shelter Box—The Board agreed to a longer commitment of three years to Shelter Box instead of renewing each year.
3. ALC Boat Project and additional Kayak project for Brewers’ Bazaar. Don Schuld reported that this year the ALS will build two kayaks which will be available for the Brewers’ Bazaar raffle. The cost to the Club will be $7,000.

**Grant committee- Margie Horning**

* Margie was pleased to report that all is going well with the grants. Ed Boeve reported that the Well Project in Kenya is continuing to make progress… the hole will be drilled soon and then the solar pump people will do their part and then a storage container will be installed. Ed, along with 19 other people will be going to Kenya in January to do the installation. Ed would like to take a Stillwater Sunrise Rotary sign to be put on the side of the storage container. The Board agreed to pay for a sign up to $500. Ed will follow through and get a sign.

**STRIVE-Brent Voight**

* Brent gave a very nice clarification on STRIVE vs AVID students so that the Board has a better understanding of the two groups and the role of the mentors for each. Brent continues to work with the 10th Grade Academy and will still promote Camp Ryla and Camp Enterprise and the World Affairs Seminar to those groups.

**Membership Report- Jack Gibbons**

* Jack had nothing new to report.

**Youth Exchange-Brett Emmons**

* Brett reported that he informed the other Clubs of our decision to take a break for a year and that we will continue to support the Youth Exchange financially but not from a resource standpoint. Craig pointed out that the biggest hurdle is finding host families with teenagers who are will to take on an exchange student.

**Foundation Report-Bob Gray**

* Bob reported that our contributions are on track.

**Literacy Report-Don Schuld**

* Don reported that he has a Literacy Award candidate in mind for this year
* He also presented a request from Ute Buehler regarding a program for the children of Landfall and Cimarron. Margie Horning suggested that it go through the Grants Committee as a request. Don will follow up with Ute regarding that.

**President’s Report-Mel Sullivan**

* Craig Leiser and John Lennes conducted the Bylaws and Constitution review and presented them to the club. It was decided that the language be looked at again, reviewed, brought to the January On Board meeting for approval.
* Mel put together a mockup of a Member Directory booklet that would include a picture and biography of each Rotarian so that we can better know our fellow members. It was well received by the Board and the Board was encouraged to send her a picture and some bullet points about themselves.
* Barbara Tischart, our President Elect Is working on a Slate of Candidates. It is incomplete at this point but she is making progress on it.

**Old Business-Mel Sullivan**

* There is a new sign downtown stating that our meetings are held at the Lowell Inn on Tuesday mornings at 7:00am. Thanks to Roger for the installation.

**New Business**

* Jon Stillman reported that he and Don Schuld and Bob McDowell are waiting to hear back from the high school principal regarding the Interact Club start up. If the high school is not interested we will approach St Croix Prep to see if they would like to start an Interact Club there.
* Mel reported that Sara Damon might be the teacher to advocate for Interact at the high school.

**Upcoming Events**

* Bell Ringing--December
* Hockey Day—January. Bob Gray told us that the Noon Club is spear heading the day and that we will help at the Hot Chocolate Stand from 9:00am to 7:00 pm. About 50 volunteers will be needed.
* Valley Outreach—February (TBD)
* Happy Hour –ongoing
* Mid Term at Hamline University January 14, 2017

**Next Board Meeting: Thursday January 12, 2017 at 7:00 am at Family Means.**

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 am.**