Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2017

Present: Janis Donnelly, Don Schuld, Margie Horning, Jack Gibbs, Roger Ruetten, Mel Sullivan, Barbara Tischart, Brent Voight, Steve Madsen, Jon Stillman, Mark Fisher

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

The December minutes were approved as read.

**Finance Report:**

1. The Finance Report was approved as presented.

**Grant committee- Margie Horning**

* Margie reported that the Art Project for Family Means has been approved. She also reported that Ed Boeve was leaving for Kenya next week.

**STRIVE-Brent Voight**

* Brent shared with the Board his vision for awarding scholarships to STRIVE students. He suggested that students submit an essay with a theme of “Making a Difference in the World Around Me” and then a panel made up of STRIVE mentors would judge the merits of each submission. The Board suggested that perhaps an art project or video could be added to the selection criteria as an alternative to the essay. Brent will re-adjust the procedure and further refine the scholarship process. It was decided to put $9,000 aside for scholarships based on student effort, project and previous commitments. There would be a total of 5 scholarships of $1, 000 each plus perfect attendance scholarships awarded this year to non –AVID students.

**Membership Report- Jack Gibbons**

* Jack had nothing new to report regarding new members. His would like to schedule a Spring fireside chat for our newer members.

**Youth Exchange-Brett Emmons**

* No report was given.

**Foundation Report-Bob Gray**

* No report was given.

**Literacy Report-Don Schuld**

* Don reported that as yet there was no administrative support for an Interact program at the high school.
* The Literary Award will be a topic for the February Board meeting.

**PR Report:**

* Ken McGinley is in the process of moving our website to a different platform…namely Club Runner.

**President’s Report-Mel Sullivan**

* Barbara Tischart, our President Elect Is working on a Slate of Candidates for the July 2017 to June 2018 leadership that she will announce at the Tuesday meeting. Following is the tentative slate:
1. Past President: Melanie (Mel ) Sullivan
2. President: Barbara Tischart
3. President Elect 2017-2018/President 2018-2019 Jason Hanlon
4. Secretary: Margie Horning
5. Treasurer: Roger Ruetten
6. Sergeant-At-Arms: Rick Robbins
7. Membership: Laurie Cherry
8. Public Image Committee Chair: Ken McGinley/Eli Quiett
9. Your Exchange Officer: Brett Emmons/Ed Boeve
10. Foundation Chair: Bob Gray
11. STRIVE: Brent Voight
12. Literacy Chair: Don Schuld
13. Club Programs: Tim Trooien
14. Local Grants Committee Chair: Jeanne Matlock
15. International Programs (e.g. Fast for Hope): Dave Newman

The slate was accepted as presented.

* Brewers Bazaar will be our big fundraiser again this year. Ken McGinley, Bill Miller and Jason Hanlon will take the lead positions with the expectation that everyone in the Club will participate. There are two club meeting planning dates set for April l4th and May 16th.

**Old Business-Mel Sullivan**

* The By-laws and Constitutional Final Review was approved by the Board with some modifications.
* Mel reminded the Board to submit their photos and bullet points for the Membership Directory

**New Business**

* There was no new business

**Upcoming Events**

* Hockey Day—January 21
* Mid Term at Hamline University January 14, 2017

**Next Board Meeting: Thursday February 9, 2017 at 7:00 am at Family Means.**

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