Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2017

Present: Don Schuld, Margie Horning, Jack Gibbs, Mel Sullivan, Mark Fisher, Roger Ruetten, Janis Donnelly, Brent Voight, Ken McGinley

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

The February minutes were approved with corrections: the date of the meeting was February 16, and the Montgomery Valley Rotary Club is in Maryland, not Michigan.

**Finance Report:**

1. The Finance Report was approved as presented.

**Grant committee- Margie Horning**

* Margie reported that Jeanne Matlock had several questions on the local grant procedures. We will look into having a club meeting devoted to how the club supports local grants, charitable gifts, district grants and global grants. Perhaps we need to re-visit and up-date which charities we give our money to.
* The Remember Niger grant is going well and Margie feels like it is a “go”.
* Margie will make an announcement at our next club meeting to see if anyone has any projects in mind for out District Grant for 2017-2018.

**STRIVE-Brent Voight**

* Brent reported that he has two scholarship applications at the present time. He added that STRIVE will partner again with AVID next year and the ALC will participate also. Brent told us that some students would like to eat on their own and have a break from their classes so he will experiment with that idea and see how it pans out. He is also surveying mentors and students to determine how to set up next year’s schedule. Brent would also like to see more mentor involvement in the leadership positions. The Board once again told Brent what an excellent job he is doing with STRIVE and growing that program to benefit lots of our kids. STRIVE may also afford us an opportunity to start an Interact program at the high school

**Membership Report- Jack Gibbons**

* Jack reported that Jerry O’Connell who was a guest of Mark Fisher at our last Club meeting has expressed an interest in joining the Club.

**Youth Exchange-Brett Emmons**

* No report was given

**Foundation Report-Bob Gray**

* Mel reported in Bob’s place: In regard to EREY about 30% of the membership has contributed.
* Bob has come up with the names of three of our members who are close to their first Paul Harris award. They will be recognized at one of our upcoming meetings.

**Literacy Report-Don Schuld**

* Kathleen Eddy’s name has been submitted for the Literacy award. She manages the Valley Bookseller in Stillwater. The Club will present her with a certificate of recognition and a $100 VISA card at an upcoming meeting.

**PR Report-Ken McGinley**

* Ken reported that we will switch our website to Club Runner probably as a spring/summer project.

**President’s Report-Mel Sullivan**

* Brewers Bazaar will be our big fundraiser again this year. Ken McGinley reported that Jason Hanlon is doing a great job organizing for the event. However our ticket sales are down a bit from previous years so he will make a Club announcement that all members are needed to promote the event.
* There will be a Rotary Tri Club Cook-Off on April 20th from 6-8PM. Mel will ask Laurie Cherrie is she would be willing to take the lead on coordinating that event.

**Old Business-Mel Sullivan**

* Mel was pleased to announce that 31 members have submitted their photos and brief bios for the Directory.

**New Business**

* There was no new business

**Upcoming Events**

* Rotary district conference April 27 - 29th

**Next Board Meeting: Thursday April 13, 2017 at 7:00 am at Family Means.**

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