Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2016

Present: Janis Donnelly, Don Schuld, Margie Horning, Jack Gibbs, Roger Ruetten, Mel Sullivan, Bob Gray, Barbara Tischart, Brent Voight, Steve Madsen

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

The September minutes were approved as read

**Finance Report:**

1. The Finance Report was approved as presented
2. The annual raffle option was well received by the club and many have signed up for it.

**Grant committee- Margie Horning**

* Margie was pleased to report that all is going well with the grants. This will be the last year that we will be providing a grant to Sara Damian at the Stillwater Junior High for the H2O project. This is being phased out (or modified) due to the shift of the schools. Sara expressed her appreciation for all out support.

**STRIVE-Brent Voight**

* Brent reported that the STRIVE program is doing very well with great attendance at the first meetings. He feels the structure is good, the calendar and the speakers are all plusses. Todd Scheel is catering the lunches and is going a good job. Brent will speak with Jon Stillman regarding getting a logo for STRIVE so it can be branded as a part of the Rotary family.

**Membership Report- Jack Gibbons**

* Jack feels that we have three potential new members.

**Youth Exchange-Brett Emmons**

* Brett was not present to report. The Board opted to pass for one year on being the host club for the Exchange student. WE hope that with the idea of an Interact club and if this gets off the ground we might be able to have a more robust outgoing exchange too. This will be further discussed with Brett who was unable to attend the meeting.

**Foundation Report-Bob Gray**

* Bob reported that there will be a presentation to the club on October 18 led by Kyle Haugen, Jack Haugen and Tom Mork. They will be presenting a fresh look at the importance of supporting the Foundation. All members will be encouraged to attend.

**Literacy Report-Don Schuld**

* Don reported that he and Jon Stillman are waiting to hear back from the principals 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.
* The Boat project at the ALC is on schedule to begin after the first of the year.

**President’s Report-Mel Sullivan**

* Craig Leiser and John Lennes will conduct the Bylaws and Constitution review
* The Membership Engagement Task Force suggests we create a member booklet that would include a picture and biography of each Rotarian so that we can better know our fellow members.
* Mel distributed some thank you notes and encouraged the Board to send them to people who have done good things for our Club. Also a plain note card will be available in the future for people to jot down good news that the Sergeants At Arms can read during the meeting.
* Our volunteer event for November will be Valley Outreach

**Old Business-Mel Sullivan**

* The Lowell Inn will now have both juice and fruit available for breakfast
* Our Club has re-newed our membership in the Chamber of Commerce
* The communication and promotion of grant co-sponsorship criteria was approved last month

**New Business**

* There was no new business at this time

**Upcoming Events**

* Halloween Parade October 26th
* Rake a Difference October 29th
* Bob Gray is working on the plans and volunteer opportunities for Hockey Day in Stillwater in January.

**Next Board Meeting: Thursday November 10, 2016 at 7:00 am at Family Means.**

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