Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2016

Present: Janis Donnelly, Ken McGinley, Don Schuld, Margie Horning, Jack Gibbs, Roger Ruetten, Mel Sullivan, Bob Gray, Barbara Tischart, Brett Emmons, Craig Leiser, Shari Clifford

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

The August minutes were approved as read

**Finance Report:**

1. The Finance Report was approved as presented
2. Mel announced that there will be both juice and fruit available at our breakfast meal.
3. The Board approved a motion for an annual fee for the weekly raffle to be available for people who would like to sign up for it. It would be strictly voluntary. There was also a discussion regarding the re-vamping of part of the duties of the Sergeants at Arms. It was suggested that people could fill out a file card with good news and a $1.00 and that the Sergeants at Arms could read them at the appropriate time.
4. The International Convention this year will take place in Atlanta, Georgia. Barbara of course will be going and it was offered as a one-time only opportunity for other club members who wanted to attend to have a $100 reimbursement if they chose to go. The maximum would be 8 club members.

**Grant committee- Margie Horning**

* Craig and Margie presented their revised focus statement on spending. The Board approved it and it will now be accepted as our new criteria.
* 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 that Brent is expecting 80-90 students to attend the first meeting on September 16th. He continues to need mentors for all of these students. Nine students will be attending our upcoming Tuesday meeting as our guest.

**Membership Report- Jack Gibbons**

* Jack had nothing new to report.

**Youth Exchange-Brett Emmons**

* Brett reported that the exchange student from Norway has arrived. 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. He also reported that he and Jon Stillman and a few others will be meeting next Tuesday with the High School principal to talk about opportunities for an Interact Club to be started. There could be lots of interest with all the 9th graders coming to the high school.

**President’s Report-Mel Sullivan**

* It was decided that we not participate in the Amazon Smile option
* It was also decided not to renew our membership with the Chamber of Commerce
* An Engagement Committee met and has decided to make a few subtle changes to our weekly agenda. Mel will be giving it a road test at upcoming meetings. It was also suggested that at one meeting in January we have a Board Meeting that would resemble an Annual Shareholder Meeting to show the Club how things are run “behind the scenes”. The Committee will meet again in December.

**Old Business-Mel Sullivan**

* Jeff Nelson will be organizing another Choir Practice in the upcoming weeks.

**New Business**

* There was no new business at this time

**Upcoming Events**

* Halloween Parade with Margie Horning as the organizer.
* Hearts and Hammers on September 17th

**Next Board Meeting: Thursday October 6, 2016 at 7:00 am at Family Means.**

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