**Our Mission: Stillwater Sunrise Rotary is a diverse group of leaders committed to making our local and global communities a better place to live.**

**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Minutes**

**March 25, 2021 at 7:00 a.m.**

**via Zoom**

* **Attendees:** Ed Boeve, Margie Horning, Roger Ruetten, Wendy Heck, Janis Donnelly, Don Schuld, Kris Bowditch, Ted Nesse, Lonny Stormo, Dave Waldschmidt, Jon Stillman, Mark Fisher, Rick Heidick, Sara Letourneau, Mel Sullivan, Bob Gray, Nancy Lyner, and Jeanne Matlock

* **February Board Meeting Minutes\* - Margie Horning** 
  1. Minutes from the February 25, 2021 Board meeting approved
* **Finance Report\* - Roger Ruetten** 
  1. **Balance Sheet –** Report dated 3/23/21 presented and discussed
  2. **Income Statement –** Report dated 3/23/21 presented and discussed
* **Spending Requests** 
  1. **Stillwater Global Grant for $1,000 (Margie)** Additional $1,000 funding for the Senitizo Maternal and Child Health Center was discussed and approved.
  2. **Shark Tank 2021 –** The event was discussed and up to $3,000 was approved**.** Lonny Stormo will be the Shark for the club and evaluate the grant proposals for funding. Event will take place in mid-May.
  3. **Social Media support\* for $5,000 (Mark)** Board discussed a variety of ways to improve the club’s visibility. The thought is to use a number of methods to drive people to our website for updated information on what we are currently involved in. The idea of starting a Blog and/or creating a video to create followers was also mentioned. The Visibility Team will look into hiring someone with experience in social media and also receive guidance from Lonny Stormo and Ken McKinley. They will also touch base with other clubs experiencing success with visibility. The Board voted to approve $1,000 initially that will be targeted to address the bike rally in August.
* **“Quick Items”** 
  1. **Membership Churn (Ins and Outs) (Margie)** Jennifer Cherry was added as a member as of February 24, 2021.
  2. **Visioning Plan Progress Report (Rick)** All Teams on target. Because of the recent membership leadership change, Sara is working on the membership portion of the plan.
  3. **Club Grants Update (Lonny)** Everything is moving forward and all the allocated funds will be given out by year end.
  4. **Climate Action Team request to submit Pollinator Garden for District Conference of Clubs presentation** Don Schuld reported that a request went out for members to join in the work of maintaining the garden this year. The Service Project Team will submit the garden as our club’s entry into the District’s Environmentally Friendly project to be showcased at the Conference of Clubs event June 5, 2021.
  5. **June 15th Meeting Leadership Request –** Wendy Heck will run the meeting that day if it is in the virtual format and Bob Gray will take over if we are meeting in person.
* **Discussion for Resuming In-Person Meetings (Wendy / Ed)** 
  1. **Member Survey Summary –** Week one takeaways – Keep chat times as is and continue with speakers at the regular meetings. Week 2 – We should continue with some sort of virtual component. If we return to meeting in person, members liked having food, but could probably do without it initially if needed. Week 3 – For social gatherings preferences were equally split between adults only and family and friends. Thirteen percent of those polled preferred social events for Rotarians only.
  2. **Timing –** We will look at having a hybrid meeting format starting June 1st and ending 90 days later in August.
  3. **Parameters / Format** Speakers would probably still be in a virtual format. Funds to start the hybrid process would be about $100. The Lowell Inn Event Center is available for rent on Tuesday mornings. We would follow all the current health guidelines at each meeting
* **Other Updates / Concerns**
* **Fundraising (Nancy L.)** Brewers Bazaar on hold but the Bike Rally moving forward.
* **Youth Exchange (Kris B.)** All youth exchanges on hold until June 2022
* **Membership (Sara L.)** noted that there has been a net deficit of membership in the last few years. She is looking for more information in order to put a valid plan together.
* **Literacy (Dave W)** They have reached out to John Perry to discuss moving forward with the media project. Volunteers are not admitted into the schoolsat this time.
* **Climate Action (Don S.)** After our Board meeting on Earth Day, we will be invited to take a walk in the new Lumberjack Park.
* **Upcoming Events**
  1. **Visibility Team Meeting on April 6th following meeting**
  2. **Board Meeting on April 22nd (7:00 am)**
  3. **Earth Day Hike to Lumberjack Landing on April 22nd (5:00 PM)**
  4. **Roadside Cleanup on April 24th**
  5. **Climate/Environmental Action Team Meeting on April 27th**
  6. **Virtual International Convention in June**