**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Minutes**

**April 25, 2019 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

**Family Means Conference Room**

* **Attendees –** Jason Hanlon, Mel Sullivan, Roger Ruetten, Laurie Cherry, Ken McGinley, Bob Gray, Don Schuld, Wendy Heck, Margie Horning
* **Previous Board Minutes -** Margie Horning
  1. Minutes Report – approved minutes from the March 28, 2019 meeting
* **Finance Report-** –Roger Ruetten
  1. Financial report presented and discussed.
* **Grants Committees (District, Club local and non-local) -**  Margie Horning
  1. Three grant options for a district grant to help create a system for stable housing for homeless and runaway youth were discussed. The Board felt that more research was needed before we would commit to writing a grant.
  2. Another option for a district grant proposal would be to work with an organization called Super Hero Kids – an education program for school children educating them about proper touches from adults and others. This concept needs the approval of the Stillwater School District. If the approval was given, Stillwater Sunrise would partner with Stillwater and Lake Elmo on the project. Given the May 17th deadline for district grant proposals, there may not be enough time to get the details together for this year’s Rotary grant process.
  3. FamilyMeans may still come forward with an idea that we can work with. Margie needs to touch base with Katie McNulty from FamilyMeans for details.
* **Membership Report**- Laurie Cherry and others
  1. The membership application from Sara Letourneau was reviewed and discussed. The board voted to approve Sara’s membership in Stillwater Sunrise Rotary. Every Board member is encouraged to roll out the red welcome carpet for Sara. Getting her involved early in club activities would be the plan.
  2. Ken McGinley gave us several options for changes to membership. The Board discussed ideas for standard, corporate, family, snowbird, Sunrise and honorary membership and yearly dues and costs associated with them
  3. The Board also discussed current dues. Dues have not been raised for at least 10 years and club operating costs have certainly gone up in those years.
  4. Both District and International dues have increased over those years – adding to Club fixed costs.
  5. The Board will continue to work with the many membership options and related dues to come up with an equitable dues increase starting July 1, 2019.
* **Youth Exchange Report** – Wendy Heck
  1. Adolfo has had a great year. A graduation party is planned for him – details will be coming at a later date. He goes home in early June.
* **Foundation Report**- Lonny Stormo -- no report
* **Literacy Chair Report**- Don Schuld
  1. The Media project is going well. The group hopes to add other duties to their roster next year. The school district seems to be dragging their feet on the media duties expansion.
  2. The canoe project with Urban Boat Builders is moving ahead. A launch date will be set later in May. Don will contact Mark Fisher to see if the launch can be covered by the newspapers. Mark Fisher will be asked to orchestrate the PR on this event.
  3. The Lake Elmo Rotary Club has committed a contribution of $3,000 for the 2019-20 scholarships. Currently they contribute $1,500 each year.
* **PR Report**- Mark Fisher -- no report
* **Old Business** – Jason Hanlon and Others – no report
* **New Business** – Jason Hanlon and Others
  1. Climate Action Committee will hold their first meeting next week. Dave Newman and Don Schuld will be attending a Forum on Climate change on May 2nd.
  2. Visioning Session in 2019-2020 year was discussed and the Board agreed that holding one for the 2019-20 year would be a good idea. Details to follow.

**Next Board Meeting- May 23 at 7am.**