**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Minutes**

**May 23, 2019 7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.**

**Family Means Conference Room**

* **Attendees –** Jason Hanlon, Margie Horning, Barbara Tischart, Don Schuld, Wendy Heck, Bob Gray, Brent Voight, Roger Ruetten
* **Previous Board Minutes -** Margie Horning
  1. Minutes Report – Approved Minutes from the April 25, 2019 Board meeting
* **Finance Report-** –Roger Ruetten
  1. Brewers Bazaar summary – Roger and Jason gave a report on the results from our 13th annual fundraiser. When all bills are paid, we should net approximately $24,000. Extra bags of pretzels will be donated to the Stillwater Area High School Senior party. Tipsy Pies were well received but over ordered. Winner of the 50/50 donated the $500 back to be used to help eradicate polio. We will be doing something in the near future to show appreciation for his generosity. Thank you letters will be sent to all Brewers and sponsors.
  2. Roger gave a summary of our financial situation as of May 22, 2019. We also discussed our financial obligations yet to be paid or collected before our year end on June 30, 2019.
  3. Membership Dues Increase -- After a lengthy discussion, the Board voted to increase our quarterly dues to $170 from $160. The dues had not been raised for at least 15 years and the rising costs of maintaining and running the club have increase significantly. The increase will begin July 1, 2019.
  4. The Board discussed offering the following memberships:
     1. Family membership – immediately family only and the second member will get a 20% discount on membership dues.
     2. Sunrise Membership – new members will get a 1- year discount on membership dues. The rate will be $120 per quarter.
     3. Corporate membership – one designated employee registered with RI and company can add up to 2 additional company employees. Rate will be $2,000 per year.
     4. Snowbird membership was tabled for future discussion.
  5. $500 to Family Means – A check will be presented to FamilyMeans as a thank you for allowing Stillwater Sunrise to use their facility for board meetings and other Rotary meetings.
* **Membership Report**-
  1. Membership Levels See above
* **Grants Committees (District, Club local and non-local) -**  Margie Horning
  1. Dementia Friendly VR Training (Family Means) A district grant proposal was prepared by FamilyMeans . Arba Della Beck will be the grant contact. The grant funds will purchase virtual reality equipment, pay for staff training time and staff time to provide 50 hours of dementia simulation to target audiences. Cost is $8,018. We are requesting a $4,000 match from the Rotary district. We will also ask other Rotary clubs to participate in the financial cost. Stillwater and Lake Elmo have been asked to partner with SSR. The maximum funds that SSR would provide for the project would be $3,000. Margie will follow up and report back with answers to questions raised by the Board regarding the program.
* **Literacy Chair Report**- Don Schuld
  1. The volunteers are now reading with/to the kindergarten and 1st grade students in the media centers. Don reported that this experience was definitely a highlight of the whole time spent at the media centers.
  2. The canoe launch with the ALC students will be May 23, 2019, at the Secret Beach on Little Carnelian Lake.
* **Youth Exchange Report** – Wendy Heck
  1. Adolfo’s club sponsored finances are in order. He will be leaving to return to Ecuador in early June.
  2. Catherine – our outbound exchange student will be heading to Belgium in August.
* **Foundation Report**- Lonny Stormo
  1. A report was emailed to Board members showing the current status of our club’s foundation giving. As of April 30, 2019, total contributions to The Rotary Foundation totaled $22,935. We have 35 EREY members, 28 Sustaining members and 12 PHS eligible members.
* **PR Report**- Mark Fisher – no report
* **Old Business** – Jason Hanlon and Others – no reports
* **New Business** – Jason Hanlon and Others
  1. June Board Meeting – Evening Happy Hour – a date will be set in the near future.
  2. Bob’s Board meeting schedule – Meetings will be held the 4th Thursday for July – October, November and December meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday.

**Next Board Meeting- TBD.**