**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Meeting Minutes**

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

**Family Means Conference Room**

* **Attendees** - Bob Gray, Margie Horning, Roger Ruetten, Ed Boeve, Dave Waldschmidt, Laurie Cherry, Wendy Heck, Jason Hanlon, Lonny Stormo, Jeanne Matlock, Ted Nesse, Arba Della Beck
* **Previous Board Minutes** - Margie Horning
  1. Minutes Report – Approved minutes from May 23, 2019
* **Finance Report** - Roger Ruetten
  1. Finance Report – Roger presented and led the discussion of the club’s yearend June 30, 2019 financials.
  2. There was discussion related to keeping the combined bank balances to $40,000 but no vote was entertained.
  3. President Gray presented the preliminary 2019-2020 Budget - -Board reviewed and discussed preliminary budget. Club leaders will get back to President Gray with suggestions for budget revisions in their area of focus.
* **Membership Report** - Laurie Cherry
  1. Membership Report – As of July 1, 2019, Julie Richardson is our newest member. She transferred from the Roseville Rotary Club.
  2. Laurie is working on a flyer to highlight Rotary in Stillwater Minnesota and Rotary in general. It will include things we do to make the world and our community a better place and have information on how to join. Laurie will solicit input from Stillwater Noon. The hope is for the flyer to be completed in September.
  3. A summer potluck is being planned for August. We are looking for a host for the event.
* **Grants Committees Report (District & Club: local and non-local) -** Margie Horning
  1. Completion of Cameroon Education Access Project - A thank you was received from the Woodbury Rotary club for our participation in the above grant. Our $500 contribution helped provide educational materials/training to 113 schools and support for the Cameroon literacy efforts.
  2. Arba Della is making good progress on raising funds for our Virtual Reality Training for Dementia patients grant (total budget $8,018) We have commitments of $750 from Lake Elmo, $500 from New Brighton/Mounds View. We are waiting on the response from Stillwater and Woodbury. Both clubs indicated a willingness to partner with us on this grant. We would like to present at the August District Grants meeting August 16th.
  3. Requests to fund 2019-2020 district grants from 4 clubs:
     1. Hayward Area: $500 – Churchill presentation to high school students and the community will focus on the risk of accepting the gospel of intolerance – the horrors of the Nazi movement could happen again if we are complacent and allow hate to color our lives. Total budget $2,950
     2. Lakeville: $1,000 TreeHouse Mission trip for underprivileged students to help a community in MI – youth will paint, clean, help with yardwork and other simple projects. - Goal is for the youth to gain an understanding of the impact the small service project can have for a community. Total budget $14,560
     3. New Brighton/Mounds View: $750 - The project is to work with ECHO to purchase a two-wheeled tractor to use at their demonstration farm in Florida. They will introduce and train farmers in Africa on the benefits of a community using the tractor to increase their crop production. Total budget $12,308
     4. Prior Lake: $1,000 – Garden and well improvement in the Gambia. Project will upgrade garden fencing, borehole maintenance and dig open wells for garden usage in 13 villages. Total budget $20,058
     5. After discussion, all requests were approved. Margie will inform each club of our partnership and dollar commitment.
* **Literacy Chair Report** - Dave Waldschmidt
  1. Dave has a meeting with Boutwells to present the project and solicit their residents as volunteers.
  2. Goal is to expand the project to include more interaction and reading to the students while maintaining the shelving support to the media centers.
  3. Dave is working with the School district to explore other ways to increase the volunteer pool. We would manage that volunteer pool.
  4. Also working on an article in the fall Stillwater Connection to get the word out about the project and Rotary’s involvement.
* **Youth Exchange/ Youth Report** - Wendy Heck
  1. Catherine Halley is our outbound student. We will provide some funds for gifts for the host families that Catherine will stay with. Cost should be less than $150. It may be split between the three clubs.
  2. We have a girl coming from Mexico. There are positive leads on host families for the student. Stillwater is the lead club this year.
  3. Jon Stillman will work with the school district to encourage students to sign up for Camp Enterprise and RYLA – recommendation was to send two students from the school to each camp.
* **Foundation Report** - Lonny Stormo
  1. A report was circulated highlighting the club’s giving to the Rotary Foundation – We have increased our per capita giving to $427 for 2018-19 (2017-18 was $325), increased number of EREY members. We are on a positive roll.
  2. A program highlighting the foundation will be presented in November – Foundation Month
* **PR Report** - Mark Fisher – no report
* **STRIVE Report** - Brent Voight – no report
* **End Human Trafficking Report** - Jeanne Matlock
  1. Arba Della will be the co-chair
  2. Focus for 2019-20 is increasing awareness
* **Climate Action Team Report** - Don Schuld – no report
* **Youth Drop-In Center Report** – Jeanne Matlock
  1. They will continue to collect items for the center
  2. Mary Parcheta will handle getting the donations to the center
* **Old Business** – All
  1. Stillwater Gazebo Update - Barbara Tischart - The City of Stillwater did apply for the State Matching Funds Grant in early July, which was the deadline. The Grant application states participation from both Stillwater Rotary Clubs, with a not to exceed financial participation as we voted. The City did not state a contractor for the work, so should the Grant be approved there will be bids taken by contractors, and we would be aware of the costs up to our voted maximum ($1,875).
* **New Business** - Bob Gray
  1. Club Picnic Recap – Paula and Bill Howell did a great job of getting the picnic organized. It was great to see several of our original members show up. The Lakes was a beautiful place for the event.
  2. Halloween Parade (Wednesday Oct. 30th?) – Bob and Margie will work on getting a newer member involved in the project.
  3. Stillwater Lights Holiday Display – There was discussion about SSR partnering with the city but we would need more information on what the City of Stillwater’s intent is for the 2019 holiday season
  4. Rotary Walking Trails – Bob Gray threw out some ideas for SSR to fund signage for the walking/stair trails in the city of Stillwater – more to come on that idea.
* **Next Board Meeting** - Thursday, August 22, 2019, 7:00 AM, Family Means