**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Meeting Minutes**

**August 22, 2019 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

**Family Means Conference Room**

* **Attendees** - Bob Gray, Margie Horning, Wendy Heck, Don Schuld, Craig Leiser, Jason Hanlon and Mel Sullivan
* **Previous Board Minutes** - Margie Horning
  1. Minutes Report – Approved minutes from July 25, 2019
* **Finance Report** – Bob Gray
  1. Finance Report -Bob presented the finance report as of August 19, 2019. Information was discussed.
  2. Revised budget was presented and discussed. Bob will send full Board budget information and ask for an electronic vote to approve the 2019-2020 budget.
* **Membership Report** -
  1. Pot luck at Dave Langer’s home was a success. About 20 Rotarians and many spouses, kids and grandkids attended. There was a huge variety of good food.
* **Grants Committees Report (District & Club: local and non-local) -** Margie Horning
  1. A request to support the Refugee Empowerment Initiative was presented and discussed. A contribution of $500 to fund a Rotaract project was entertained. Bob will send the full Board information and request an electronic vote to approve the $500 contribution.
  2. A request to support the St Paul Rotary Club’s district grant for a Rwandan Refugee Camp Ultrasound was discussed. Rotarian Dr. Ken Crabb has visited the medical facility and has a relationship with the lead doctor at the facility. The need is great and an Ultrasound machine will help save lives. Total project is $21,000. Bob will send full Board information and ask for an electronic vote to support this grant with a contribution of $1,000.
  3. Craig Leiser presented a global grant concept to equip the Masindi District Hospital in Uganda with essential medical equipment. Craig will be the author of the global grant. A commitment from the club of $2,500 is requested. Bob will send the full Board information and ask for an electronic vote.
* **Literacy Chair Report** - Dave Waldschmidt – no report
* **Youth Exchange Report** - Wendy Heck
  1. Jimena – our foreign exchange student from Mexico has arrived. She was met by Stillwater Rotarians. She is 17 years old.
  2. There is need of a second host family for Jimena.
* **Foundation Report** - Lonny Stormo – no report
* **PR Report** - Mark Fisher – no report
* **STRIVE Report** - Brent Voight – via email
  1. There is a need for more mentors from the Rotary clubs and the community to handle the number of students who will be participating in the program. Brent is looking for 28 mentors. Program will work with 4 classes and mentor meetings with students will be once a month.
* **End Human Trafficking Report** - Jeanne Matlock – via email
  1. Three members – Jeanne, Mary Parcheta, Eli Quiett (plus Tedi Carlson, Lake Elmo Rotary) -attended the Aug. 13 meeting of the St. Paul Rotary Club to hear 2 speakers from the FBI discuss Human Trafficking in the area. A summary was sent to other team members. There was discussion of possibly having a public meeting with these speakers to work toward our goal of increasing awareness of this issue.
  2. Our club speaker on Sept. 3 will address issues of working with victims of Human Trafficking. Visitors would be encouraged & and an invitation notice will be sent to the other area clubs that we have paired with on this issue.
  3. Edina Rotary is hosting a panel discussion by service providers on Sept. 19 and again some of our team will be attending.
  4. The Youth Drop-In Center in Stillwater has continued actively thru the summer with 23 visits from youth in July. Several are coming on a regular basis. They have held 2 cooking classes, attended by 6, and plan to offer others such as car maintenance, developing healthy relationships, etc. The needs for donations continue to be the same, with emphasis on fast food & gas gift cards, food items, socks & underwear, and chapsticks. Mary Parcheta is in charge of collecting & delivering items from our club, with collections being held on the first meeting of every month.
  5. The Cottage Grove Youth Drop-In Center will open for clients on Sept. 17, with an Open House on Sept. 10.
* **Climate Action Team Report** - Don Schuld
  1. The committee is working on a climate change statement for the club
  2. The committee is working on tackling recycling and the downtown businesses. Currently most of the businesses do not recycle. They will be working with the Chamber of Commerce for assistance in starting to solve this issue.
  3. Don will be attending the annual Gustavus Adolphus Nobel Conference 55 regarding Climate Changed – Facing Our Future
* **Old Business** – All
  1. Stillwater Gazebo – The City of Stillwater does not have a response from their grant submission. They do not expect to have a result until the end of September.
  2. Hearts & Hammers – we are working on getting our deposit refunded.
* **New Business** - Bob Gray
  1. Tri-Club Meeting (Aug. 27th) – Margie will send out an email to members requesting confirmation of their attendance at the Lake Elmo Inn Event Center
  2. Halloween Parade – Margie reported that the date will be Oct. 23rd. Julie Richardson and Mary Parcheta will help chair this event. Meeting set up with Sarah at Boutwells for August 29th.
  3. Brewers Bazaar/Lift & Loop Celebration (May 16th) – Jason and Ken will start planning in earnest in September. They want to get a jump on our annual fundraiser.
  4. Jason is working on setting up a visioning for the club. This will probably take place sometime February 2020.
* **Next Board Meeting** - Thursday, September 26, 2019, 7:00 AM, Family Means