**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Minutes**

**September 26, 2019 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

**FamilyMeans Conference Room**

* **Attendees** - Bob Gray, Dave Waldschmidt, Jason Hanson, Mel Sullivan, Wendy Heck, Don Schuld, Roger Ruetten, Ted Nesse, Jeanne Matlock, Barbara Tischart, Jon Stillman, Margie Horning
* **Previous Board Minutes** - Margie Horning
  1. Minutes Report – Approved minutes from August 22, 2019
* **Finance Report** - Roger Ruetten
  1. Finance Report – Reports presented as of September 24, 2019. All financial items looked to be in order.
  2. The club received a refund from Hearts and Hammers of $3,000. We asked for a refund because for the past two years a suitable home in the Stillwater area was not found for the club to paint and repair.
  3. A $1,000 check was received from the Lakeville club for our 2018-19 Kenya security fence district grant.
* **Membership Report** -
  1. Dan Schmid is terminating membership as of October 1, 2019, due to his move to Texas.
* **Grants Committees Report (District & Club: local and non-local) -** Margie Horning
  1. The club received a check for $3,200 from District 5960 for our Dementia district grant.
  2. Rick Heidick asked if the club would provide a donation to Sustainable Stillwater. Margie will contact Rick about our online application for a local grant for Sustainable Stillwater. As a club we will support specific activities/grants but not general administrative costs.
* **Literacy Chair Report** - Dave Waldschmidt
  1. Rutherford and Stonebridge school programs are up and running. They are scheduled through November but could use more volunteers. Typically, 3 volunteers are at a school once a week for 2-3 hours.
  2. Both media teachers have expanded the duties beyond shelving books. The volunteers are now repairing books that the staff does not seem to have time to do and assisting students who are in the library checking out books. The volunteers are also working with the reading specialist teachers at the two schools to further assist the Kindergartners and 1st graders who are needing some help in bringing their reading skills up-to-speed.
  3. The schools appreciate the efforts of the volunteers.
  4. Recruitment of more volunteers is the key to having the project have more impact. Visits to Lake Elmo and Stillwater Noon Rotary clubs are planned in the near future to seek their involvement. Bill Howell will be asked if any of the residents at the Lakes would like to participate. Rutherford school is next door to the Lakes. Another possibility would be to see if we can use the Community Thread’s “Connect Volunteers” website to recruit from the community.
* **Youth Exchange Report** - Wendy Heck
  1. Our outbound student Catherine Halley is studying in the Netherlands.
  2. Our inbound student Jimena from Mexico has arrived and is attending SAHS
  3. For 2020-2021, we will be the lead club for the inbound student. Wendy will request an older student.
  4. Recruiting host families is key and connections will be made with current and past outbound student families.
* **Foundation Report** -
  1. Margie will check with RI to figure out what is happening to our Foundation giving amounts. There seems to be a $5,000 negative entry into our club’s account.
  2. As of September 26, 2019, only 57.63% of our members have My Rotary accounts.
* **PR Report** - Mark Fisher -- no report
* **STRIVE Report** –
  1. More mentors are always needed for the program
* **End Human Trafficking Report** - Jeanne Matlock
  1. Jeanne, Mary Parcheta & Kris Bowditch attended a workshop in Edina that was very informative.  Information was received about the Protect Me project and Super Hero Kids, as well as others.
  2. The school district did not approve using the Super Hero Kids curriculum in the schools, so it will not go before the curriculum committee in Oct.
  3. Clare Lillis talked about a new school program developed by the state at low or no cost to address the many issues associated with human trafficking.
  4. The committee is meeting October 8th.
  5. We will be collecting items for the Youth Drop-In Center the first meeting of the month.
  6. The Cottage Grove Youth Drop-In Center opened in mid-September.
* **Climate Action Team Report** - Don Schuld
  1. Climate Action Statement was reviewed and approved with a few minor changes to the wording.
  2. Don and Arba Della attended the Nobel Conference and heard some impressive speakers
* **Old Business** – All
  1. Stillwater Gazebo (Barbara Tischart) The City of Stillwater got the matching grant approved. The City will be looking for a contractor to carry out the study for the Gazebo. Barbara and Sara Letourneau will attend the meetings and keep the club informed on happenings.
  2. Stillwater Lights Holiday Display (Robin Anthony - Stillwater Noon)—Bob is looking for volunteers – he will be getting more details about the Holiday display.
* **New Business** - Bob Gray
  1. New Rotaract Club (Stillwater Noon Club)
  2. Stillwater Noon Club’s 100 Year Anniversary Celebration (Oct 10th) Bob will attend – he will announce details of the event at our next Rotary meeting.
  3. District 5960 One Rotary Summit, FamilyMeans (Oct 26th)
  4. Rake A Difference (Oct 26th)
  5. Halloween Parade, Boutwells Landing (Oct. 23) The Pep band and University of Minnesota dental students will be participating. Julie Richardson and Margie are working on other details for the event.
  6. Holiday Party, The Lakes of Stillwater (Dec 3rd)
  7. Meals from the Heart Meal Packing (Dec 10th)
  8. Brewers Bazaar/Lift & Loop Celebration, Avalon Riverboat – The May date has been cancelled because the bridge will not be ready. Refurbishing has been delayed due to high water and other weather conditions.
* **Next Board Meeting** - Thursday, October 24, 2019, 7:00 AM, FamilyMeans (World Polio Day)