**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Meeting**

**January 27, 2022**

**7:00 am Via Zoom**

* **Attendees:**  Wendy Heck, Rick Heidick, Roger Ruetten, Barbara Tischart, Sara Letourneau, Ed Boeve, Nancy Lyner, Eli Grenier, Kris Bowditch, Mark Fisher, Dave Waldschmidt, Ted Nesse, Janis Donnelly, Brent Voight, Margie Horning

President Wendy Heck called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

* **December Board Meeting Minutes -** 
  1. Ed moved to approve the Minutes from the December 9, 2021 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded, voted and approved.

* **Finance Report - Roger Ruetten** 
  1. **Financial Review** – Roger provided the current financial update including a review of the P&L, and the Balance Sheet. The El Corozo Water Project fundraising (about $43,000) is in our account. The Bike Rally fundraising results are in both last fiscal year as well as this fiscal year; however, our expenses for the 8/2022 event will largely fall in to 4Q of this fiscal year.
* **Old Business**
  1. Bylaw change recommendations and Club Organizational Structure - Rick presented a draft Organization chart as a result of our Visioning outcome, and our desire for updated Bylaws. Rick has gotten input from many members for this draft. This draft Organization Chart, if approved, will be reflected in an updated draft of Bylaws as well. A motion was made by Rick, seconded by Nancy for Board Approval of the Org Chart and subsequent Bylaw changes, such that both can be brought to the Membership for a vote as is required for any change to our Bylaws. The motion was voted on with all Board members approving. Wendy will schedule a Membership vote in the month of February.
  2. Rick presented an update to the Club Visioning 3 Year Action Plan.
  3. Wendy reported on our refugee support project through International Institute of Minnesota Housing Donation Drive. We are participating by furnishing items for an apartment. Many items have been donated and collected by Wendy. Wendy reported that $320 have been spent as a Club expense for required new items. Previously, the Board approved up to $1,000 to purchase the recommended supplies.
  4. Wendy confirmed the tri-district convention of Rotary Districts 5580, 5950 and 5960, planned for April 21-23 in 2022 in St. Cloud, Minnesota has been cancelled.
  5. Mark reported that the Rotary meeting signage located at city entrances of both Stillwater and Bayport has been updated to reflect our current meeting location. Mark is working with Noon Club on new, refreshed signage to be installed this spring.
* **New Business** 
  1. Signature Project Recognition Award - Our District has initiated a new award program and our VESL (Volunteers for Elementary School Literacy) project was suggested as our entry for this award. Mark motioned for Board approval for this project to be submitted to the District, Roger provided a second to the motion. Discussion was held with Dave giving detail to the project. The motion was passed with all Board members approving.

**Committee Chair Reports**

1. **Public Image –** Mark reported the update on signage as noted above.
2. **Local Grants Committee** – Mark reported $2400 in local grants as available within out budget. Mark is leading this team of 3 this year, Greg Otsuka will lead it next year, and Bill Howell the following year. Mark notifies our membership at the weekly meeting when a local grant has been awarded.
3. **Literacy –** report was for VESL as our signature project for the District entry as noted above.
4. **Youth Exchange –** Kris reported there will be no outbound student this year as we had no applicants.
5. **Fundraising –** Nancy spoke about Bridge The Valley Bike Rally Sponsorships and announced that Sara Letourneau Coldwell Banker is providing a $5,000 sponsorship, will support a rest stop with volunteers, and plans to have a team riding in the event. First State Bank and Trust has signed up for a $1,000 sponsorship. WHOO HOO! We kicked off the year with $6,000 in sponsorships already committed! The Bike Rally is August 14, 2022. Brewer’s Bazaar will become a tent at the Bike Rally, instead of its own event.
6. **Sunrotary.org URL –** Ted announced that our new URL is now active.
7. **Foundation** – Lonny was not present, but provided an update in advance of the meeting. The Foundation Share the Love Campaign will be in February again this year. Our SSR Foundation committee’s plan is to feature Rotary projects each week in January/February showcasing how giving to the Foundation truly makes a difference. Lonny is the speaker for our February 15th meeting which will feature the Foundation and the projects we support with some brainstorming on a new project we might sponsor and support.
   * 1. Through November, contributions are $16,180 against an annual goal of $20,000, these contributions are from 36 members which is 14 short of full ERAY (Every Member Every Year).
8. **STRIVE** – Brent spoke about the STRIVE program, which is going well but needs more mentors due to the large number of students in this program. Eli and Nancy will work with Brent to try to find more mentors.
9. **End Human Trafficking** – Eli talked about this topic needing more direction from the District to determine actions plans that can be effective at the Club level.

The meeting ended with Nancy putting forth a motion to adjourn, a second was provided by Roger, a vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Barbara Tischart  
SSR Secretary