**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Meeting**

**October 28, 2021**

**7:00 AM Via Zoom**

* **Attendees:**  Wendy Heck, Rick Heidick, Roger Ruetten, Barbara Tischart, Sara Letourneau, Lonny Stormo, Jeanne Matlock, Ed Boeve, Dave Waldschmidt, Kris Bowditch, Nancy Lyner, Janis Donnelly, Jon Stillman

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

* **September Board Meeting Minutes -** 
  1. Barbara moved to approve the Minutes from the September 23, 2021 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeanne, voted on and approved.

* **Finance Report - Roger Ruetten** 
  1. **Financial Review** – Roger provided the current financial update including a review of the P&L, and the details of Brewer’s Bazaar fundraising (profit of about $2,000 on BB), and the El Corozo Water Project fundraising amounts.
  2. Barbara moved to approve the Financial Report, Jeanne seconded the motion which was voted on and approved.
* **Old Business**
  1. Dave advised that he and Mary Parchetta met with ALC who has decided not to go forward with a boat building project this year due to space issues in their new meeting location at the High School. Dave also stated that the age of the ALC students is somewhat older than in past years and there is less interest in the boat building. Dave and Mary will continue to work with ALC to explore other areas where we may provide support to the program.
  2. Global Climate Pledge update was tabled for a future discussion as Don Schuld was not present at the meeting.
  3. Proposed Bylaws changes status was reviewed by Rick using his provided draft of an organizational structure. Should this be approved, it would allow us to go forward with updating the Bylaws to reflect how we currently see the organization. Please provide feedback to Rick on the draft sent.
  4. Visioning Process – Rick provided a short update on the action items from the visioning process. More to come at a future date.
* **New Business** 
  1. New member - Sara presented Jim Kroening as a potential new member. A short discussion was held, a vote was held, and Jim will be welcomed as a new member to SSR!
  2. Oak Glen - Wendy advised available dates for 1Q2022 meetings at Oak Glen. Wendy would like to hold a meeting on January 4, but Oak Glen is not available. She will consider an activity or a Zoom meeting. Meetings will resume there on January 11th. Given expected attendance, we will move to a contract guaranteeing breakfast for 30 people.
  3. Sponsoring an Afghan family through the MN State program Sponsorship Circles was discussed. Wendy had provided an overview of what is involved in a full family sponsorship. Discussion led to desire to support a family, but it may be more than we can handle with our membership size of 50 Rotarians. Sara brought forward information she had investigated through a friend of hers involved in re-settlement programs through International Institute. One option is to sponsor a family’s resettlement by fully furnishing an apartment. This includes furniture, bedding, kitchen needs, etc. During discussion, this approach seemed a better fit for SSR. Sara and Wendy will get more information for this consideration, and report at a future meeting.
* **Committee Chair Reports** 
  1. **Public Image –** Mark was not present but sent a report earlier. Ed spoke briefly about Rick Robbins using the Partnership Plan to promote volunteers opportunities which could lead to membership, fundraising and Corporate sponsorships. We look forward to more information on this.
  2. **Literacy –** Dave earlier reported on the status of the ALC boat project (not this year). He also updated us on VESL which is expected to be on full schedule early November.
  3. **Youth Exchange –** Kris verified the YE program is expected to resume for the 2022-2023 school year. She is working with Stillwater Noon Club on a plan and will also verify support from Lake Elmo Club to resume our Tri-club support of a student. Kris will report back with the agreement of all and the plan for 2022-2023 for an incoming student.
  4. **Fundraising –** Nancy spoke briefly about Bridge The Valley Bike Rally planned for August 14, 2022. She told us the bike planning team met this week and would be adding some additional members to the planning team. We expect this event to be even bigger in 2022!
  5. **Membership –** Sara stated our membership is at 51, now 52 with the addition of Jim Kroening. We have hosted 4 guests resulting in the addition of 2 new members so far this year. Sara stressed the importance of “Every One Bring One” as a way to introduce Rotary to more people whether they join or not. Sara attended the recent District Membership Seminar which was valuable. She will be meeting with Membership Chair of Stillwater Noon, and separately with Membership Committee of White Bear Lake Club for additional ideas and coordination. She talked about adding Diversity and Inclusion to our Club and suggested we do that by bringing people in as speakers as a start to get to know Rotary. She is promoting asking people to invite a guest to volunteer events; and to include alumni initiations to past SSR members who have resigned as their situation may have changed. Sara also talked about retention. Barbara keeps track of attendance and will send the monthly attendance reports to Sara as well as Wendy.
  6. **Foundation** – Lonny reported we are at $9400 in giving against a goal of $20,000. EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year which is a RI request that each Rotarian give a minimum of $25 to the Foundation each year) is 35 of 51. He also stated the Foundation Committee will be meeting to plan for how to create more awareness of projects that have benefitted from the Foundation.
  7. **STRIVE** – Brent was not in attendance, but student candidates for Camp Enterprise was brought up. Wendy stated Jennifer Cherry will work with Brent to identify possible candidates for this Camp which takes place in the Spring.
  8. **Polio Plus** – Jon brought up our “Strike Out Polio” campaign which includes bowlers on the Board, and would like to add another 4 bowlers. Sara plans to invite 2 guests as potential members to bowl. This brought up the question of what is the formal process for being a bowler, and what is the informal process that can be used for bowlers to gain extra sponsorships from friends and family. A lively discussion followed. The discussion was halted by President Wendy asking for a motion to adjourn and anyone wanting to discuss the Bowling event could stay on the Zoom call after the meeting.

The meeting ended with President Wendy asking for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Barbara put forth that motion, a second was provided, and the meeting was adjourned. The Bowling members continued to discuss their plan for the upcoming event.

Submitted by Barbara Tischart  
SSR Secretary