**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Meeting**

**November 17, 2022**

**7:00 am at Family Means**

**Attendees:**  Rick Heidick, Sara Letourneau Wendy Heck, Jeanne Matlock, Ed Boeve, Greg Otsuka, Paula Williams, Kris Bowditch, Ted Nesse, Lonny Stormo; Via Zoom: Dave Waldschmidt, Don Schuld

President Rick Heidick welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

1. **Approval of Agenda –**
2. **October Board Meeting Minutes -** Ed made a motion to approve October 27 minutes; Wendy seconded. Minutes were approved.
3. **Finance Report –** Paula
4. Financial Review – Paula stated we had $10,140.00 total club income from up to October 2022
5. Our Balance Sheet adjusts at $127,098.15 assets and $127,098.15 liabilities and equity
6. Accounts receivable have dropped to approximately $3000

**IV. Old Business -**

* 1. **Club Brand Image –** Lonny reported no new business
  2. **Succession Planning** - No official nominees reported yet, but Rick and Lonny will start to approach individuals soon. Lonny is in charge of the nominations committee. The committee filters nominations, a vote is conducted at the Board level for the final nominee and then the full membership conducts a final vote.
  3. **Speaker** - This process is in discussion with a summary soon to be announced at a Club meeting.
  4. **Pune global grant -** Seven schools are now included in the grant. October, 2023 is the goal for all seven schools’ work to be completed. Ted appreciates working with the group from Pune.

**V. New Business**

1. **Rotary Reef Discussion** - Don would like guidance from the Board on the possibility of SSR supporting the Rotary Reef project. Lonny said he likes the project and would support it individually. Paula suggested individual donations and would like more data. Dave W suggested treating it like the water project. We would also be collaborating with the Noon club and clubs through the Rotary world. No vote is needed. Consensus was that we would begin with individuals supporting the project much like Barbara handled the Rotary Water Project in ElCorozo. If there is a gap in full funding, Rick will discuss the deficit with the Club to consider action. Don will work on the club promotion for this project.

2. **Board Membership** - Rick presented the Board Organization Chart with two deleted positions taken off. The first consideration was at the At-Large position. Usually, the former president leaves the Board when the President-Elect is named. The suggestion was as of January to fill one of the At-Large positions with the Past President (ED). Jean moved that the past president (Ed) move to the at-large position for this coming year. Lonny seconded. For clarity, the Bylaws allow three at-large positions. The vote carried.

* The second consideration was DEI. (it was under engagement as a placeholder) Because it is a priority of Rotary, Rick believes it seems logical to have it fall under membership. He does not want it to be a formal position, but more of a consciousness for everyone. Rick recommends a “champion” for DEI who would be responsible for information, etc regarding DEI. With DEI listed on the org chart, it has a stronger presence. Greg asked if there was protocol from Rotary. To clarify, there may be goals and special efforts used with an emphasis on DEI. In the Board discussion on the topic, we also mentioned an accessible place to meet. Rick asked for a motion to officially add DEI to the Org Chart. Jean moved we accept the change; Lonny seconded. Motion passed.

**VI. Upcoming Events**

1. **Meals from the Heart -** Our numbers to pack meals are completely **f**ull, but there have been some cancellations. Several Board members offered to attend without working the event so that students and new members could attend and experience this event.
2. **Christmas party -** Paula asks that people be reminded to choose chicken or cod as well as to bring in the $10 Family Means gift cards. Paula will not be available at the next meeting. 38 have registered so far. Roger’s daughter’s trio will be the entertainment. Sara offered to purchase gift cards if members would simply give her $10.
3. **Bell Ringing -** Rick asked the Board if they would like to continue with Bell Ringing. We need a leader to register and organize the shifts. Greg will scope that out.

**VII. Director Updates**

1. **Foundation – Polio plus-** Lonny reported that the bowling fundraiser, “Strike out Polio”, was successful . We raised over $3000. The group agreed that a Friday evening or Veteran’s Day would work best for the majority of Rotarians.
2. **Foundation** - On our meeting on the 29th, Lonny will direct a Club Foundation meeting. Lonny will talk about giving, prepare for the year’s possible projects, and brainstorm as done last year. Currently, our giving is down with a total of about $3000. Lonny imagines that to increase after the meeting on the 29th when Rotarians can imagine all the potential that we could do in “doing good in the world.”

* Lonny announced that he was invited to present the “lives-impacting” statistics to a District meeting.

1. **Membership –** Sara mentioned the new member orientation was successful and the four new members enjoyed a good discussion. Sarah mentioned we have a resignation in the Club. It is Tony Groble. We discussed recruiting new members. Wendy’s initiative to bring one works and Rick may continue that theme. We would also like club discussion on how to welcome a visitor.
2. **Public Image –** Mark was not present - no report
3. **Service –** Nothing much - no new requests for service other than possibly ringing the bells for the Salvation Army at Christmas time.

VIII. **Committee/Projects Update**

1. **Local service.** Greg reported there were no new approved requests.
2. **Literacy & Youth Development–** Dave reported meeting last week with Andersen Elementary. They are very interested in welcoming VESL to come in. Dave hopes to be fully in this new school by the end of the year. The Lions in Bayport would like to have a presentation about VESL. The Kiwanis Club is also a possibility. Therefore, Andersen is likely to be one of our schools.

Dave explained that when shelving books, it is challenging and uncomfortable because the shelves are at a low level. He explained that if a stool with wheels was provided it would be more efficient and ergonomic for volunteers who each shelve books for about one-half hour per volunteer time. Dave would like to purchase stools to accommodate this need. Stonebridge and Rutherford only need stools at this point. Dave has enough funds in his budget to purchase them. Jeanne suggested a label added to identify the donation of Stillwater Sunrise Rotary.

1. **Climate and Environmental Action –** Nothing new other than the Reef project.
2. **Youth Exchange –** Kris reported that Kei does not have as many resources. Kris wondered about a fund to help pay for his immediate needs. The Board discussed options to take care of his needs. Fundraising was mentioned as was listing specific needs Rotarians could purchase for him. Specifically, his critical needs are ski pants, gloves, and long underwear - men’s small.

Kris also reported the potential outbound student needs to apply by the 19th of November.

1. **Website** Ted reported that the website is going well with the ongoing need of current pictures. “Keep pictures coming in,” said Ted.

**IX. Meeting adjourned.** Lonny moved the meeting to be adjourned; Jeanne seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

**Note: Next Board Meeting is December 22, 7 – 8:30 am. It will be held at Family Means.**

Submitted by Nancy Lyner, acting Secretary  
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