**Our Vision: Stillwater Sunrise Rotary will set the standard for service in the St. Croix Valley.**

**Our Mission: Stillwater Sunrise Rotary is a diverse group of leaders committed to making our local and global communities a better place to live.**

**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Minutes**

**November 19th, 2020 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

**via Zoom**

* **Attendees:** Ed Boeve, Margie Horning, Roger Ruetten, Craig Leiser, Wendy Heck, Janis Donnelly, Mel Sullivan, Don Schuld, Kris Bowditch, Ted Nesse, Lonny Stormo, Brent Voight, Dave Waldschmidt, Jon Stillman, Mark Fisher, Rick Heidick, Laurie Cherry
* **October Board Meeting Minutes - Margie Horning** 
  1. Minutes from October 22, 2020 Board meeting approved
* **Vision/Mission Statements e-vote recording** 
  1. Mission/Vision as stated above approved by a 11 yes vote and 3 no or no response.
* **Finance Report (attached) - Roger Ruetten** 
  1. **Balance Sheet** – Report dated November 18, 2020 presented and discussed.
  2. **Income Statement** – Report dated November 18, 2020 presented and discussed. There was a question on how often the speaker’s gift of donations to Polio Plus was paid and Roger let us know that he paid the year’s speaker donations once a year – towards the end of each Rotary year.
* **“Quick Items”** 
  1. **Motion to adopt a Pollinator Friendly Garden for 2021 (Don Schuld.) –** The Board approved the adoption of the pollinator-friendly garden in the Ramsey Grove Park on the corner of Grove and Myrtle. The work will begin in the spring of 2021 and many club members are interested in helping maintain the garden throughout the growing season. The cost to maintain the garden should be between $100 and $200.
  2. Motion to suspend in-person membership meetings until further notice was approved. The decision to meet virtually until further notice will be evaluated as future COVID-19 issues are updated by government and health officials.
  3. **Press Release on Reindeer Project (Mark Fisher.)** Press release let the readers know that the Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Club was alive and well and continuing to do good in the world and local communities. But in order to do so, we need the communities help with support for our Reindeer Project. Board was asked to look for recognition in the local papers regarding this release and get back to Mark Fisher
  4. **Sub-Committee Appointment regarding Endowment Creation (Ed B.)** President Ed, asked for volunteers to address this issue. The commitment would be 2-3 Zoom meetings and include tabulating the results from polling the club members regarding their interest is setting up a club endowment.

* **Club Visioning Master Plan Issues** 
  1. **Action Plan Leaders Interface with Board (Rick Heidick.)** Rick went over the Visioning Action Plans Status Chart that will be used to track monthly progress on each action plan.
  2. **Visibility and Employers Partnership Action Plan (Mark Fisher.)** This plan is an action originally set for year three but may move up due to interest and a plan being formulated. The plan will include how to reach out in a different way to employers and other community partners using education and STRIVE as a catalyst. We will continue to use our STRIVE video created a few years ago. The visibility plan will use the theme “Who do we appeal to – and for what reason. See attached documents for more information on each action plan.
  3. **District Public Image Training Takeaways (Craig Leiser)** Some ideas to enhance public image are to use our current and past grant contacts to tell our stories on how the grants continue to make a difference in lives, purchase vests to let the community know that we are from the Stillwater Sunrise Rotary club when we are out and about volunteering and doing service projects, send handwritten note on Club stationery to members not currently attending the Zoom meetings letting them know that they are missed**,** invite past STRIVE scholarship winners and Peace Fellows to attend one of our meetings and continue to update us on their individual journeys with Rotary by their side.
* **Joint meeting with Pune, India Club Opportunity (Ted Nesse.)** 
  1. Participated in a global grant with the Club in 2009
  2. Board voted to change the February 9, 2021 meeting date to February 11, 2021, which is a Thursday morning. A former Indian DISC may join the meeting. Details of the meeting format may include highlights of the prior year for each club. Other items such as language will be worked out as the date draws closer. The results of the joint meeting will result in a press release.
* **Other Concerns** 
  1. **STRIVE Update (Brent Voight.)** Brent was asked to prepare a video on the 4-way test to present to the STRIVE students. We will still be awarding scholarships – but probably not as many or in smaller amounts.
  2. **Membership** Jeremy Granquist has resigned from the club. Laurie Cherry will reach out to him to let him know that once things return to “normal” he will always be welcome to rejoin the club. Long-time member Dave Spencer has also resigned from the club citing health issues. We will make him an Honorary member and will put together a tribute to celebrate all he has done over his many membership years to add to the club’s well-being. Margie will reach out to him to discuss his change in membership to Honorary.
* **Upcoming Events**
  1. **Deer Shack Work Days on November 21st**  - We will be using current health and government guidelines to keep the volunteers safe.
  2. **Deer Pick Up Day on December 5th M**ark Lambert will let us use his lot and lobby for our deer pickup.
  3. **Annual request for Christmas gifts for the teens from Cimarron and Landfall –** anyone wanting to drop off gifts, gift cards or monetary donations to assist FamilyMeans with their outreach program to supply the teens of the communities with Christmas gifts can do so on December 5, 2020, at the Deer Pickup event.
  4. **Board Meeting on December 17th**
  5. **Social Connection Opportunities??** May have a virtual Happy Hour on December 10th – more details to come. The Halloween Virtual Happy Hour was a fun time to hook up with other club members on a more casual basis.

**Board Meeting Schedule - Thursday, January 28th, February 25th, March 25th, April 22nd, May 27th, June 24th, all meetings begin at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom, adjourn by 8:00 am.**

All of our meetings (board, membership, happy hour, committees, etc.) will use this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/2835449002?pwd=dklqVmZzVE1pNUxvVjVVYStQcGJlUT09>

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