**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**

**December 17th, 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, Bob Gray, Jack Gibbons, Jeanne Matlock

* **November Board Meeting Minutes - Margie Horning** 
  1. Minutes from November 19, 2020, Board meeting approved
* **Finance Report (attached) - Roger Ruetten** 
  1. **Balance Sheet** – Report dated 12/15/20 presented and discussed
  2. **Income Statement** – Report dated 12/15/20 presented and discussed
* **“Quick Items”** 
  1. **New Members** Lenny Snellman will be added to our membership beginning January 1, 2021.  **Resigning Members** – Carol Parendo resigned from the club beginning January 1, 2021 citing work related issues. Margie will hold off on ordering new badges and honorary member items until we have a larger order. Good news on membership is we do have a few potential members waiting in the wings to sign on as members.
  2. **Club Grant Awards (Lonny S.)** No local grants this month. Lonny encouraged all of us to be looking for organizations that could use our help with their smaller projects.
  3. **Visioning Plan Progress Report (Rick H.)** All the Teams are formed and working towards completing their first action items.
  4. **Deer Project Financial Wrap (Roger R.)** Our birch deer fund raiser/project was financially successful – we should net about $8,609.
* **Club Foundation Fund Creation Recommendation – Lonny Stormo**

The Club Foundation committee recommends to NOT pursue an endowment fund and the $10K match.

1. While the $10K match is an intriguing and generous offer, creating an endowment has not been part of our club’s focus and the match is not enough of a reason to start one now.  Our club has many things going on with our visioning, not being able to do our fundraising event in 2020, and current focus on Foundation and Polio.  One more effort will be confusing and a distraction.
2. We are also not confident that our members or club would make the required $10K donations for the match.
3. We do recommend that our board review the $45K we have in the bank account to decide on what an optimized bank balance is and what we could do with the extra funds, if any.
4. As of November, our Club Foundation giving is at about $12,000 with 18 members contributing. Last year, we had 39 members donating about $28,000.
5. We will continue to showcase projects we are sponsoring at the Tuesday morning meetings.
6. We will continue to work toward building a culture of giving
7. February will be designated as a month of giving to the Foundation.
8. There was a recommendation that the Board tackle the question of what is an optimum balance the club should have in bank and investment balances early next year.

* **Organizational Issues for 21/22 Rotary Year (Wendy H.)** 
  1. Changes to the Board composition in the current Bylaws was discussed and a number of great ideas brought forward. Wendy will work with Ed Boeve, Dave Waldschmidt, and Rick Heidick to hammer out the details.
  2. Proposed Board makeup for next Rotary Year – Wendy will continue to work on her Board composition.
  3. The Board formally nominated Rick Heidick to serve as president of the Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Club for the 2022-2023 Rotary year. The club will vote to install Rick Heidick as President of the club for the 2022-23 Rotary year on Tuesday, December 22, 2020.
* **Other Concerns** 
  1. **Membership (Laurie C.)** Laurie is continuing dialog with a potential new member.
  2. **Literacy Committee (Dave, Mary, Don, et.al.) –** No report
  3. **Climate Action (Don S.)** They are continuing to bring tips to the weekly meetings. The ideas presented seem to be well-received and very useful.
  4. **End Human Trafficking (Eli G.)** Jeanne reported that Cindy Parsons from Family Resource will be the program in January and will bring the club up-to-date on what is happening with the youth drop-in center.
  5. **Strive (Brent V.)** All the STRIVE students have been contacted and given information on the scholarship opportunities. They will be working on preparing videos to present to the scholarship Team. Brent will be contacting Lake Elmo and Stillwater regarding their financial contributions to the scholarship fund for the coming year.
  6. **Youth Exchange** – Kris reported that plans are being made for next fall. If all goes well, students will be able to participate in the exchange for the 2022-2023 school year.
  7. **Public Image –** Mark Fisher reported that the Team is meeting and working on their action items.
  8. **Zoom Team –** Ted reported that the Team needs a 4-week lead time in order to host both a virtual Zoom meeting and an in-person meeting.
  9. **Fund Raising –** For now, Rick reported that the Bike Tour is on hold
* **Upcoming Events**
  1. **No Club meeting on December 29th**
  2. **At a January meeting we will ask if any club members have a conflict of interest disclosure.**
  3. **District Governor Ed Marek visit on January 12th** – Ed Boeve will inquire if Ed Marek wants to meet with the Board as part of his club visit.
  4. **Social Connection Opportunities -** No current plans at the moment
  5. **Meeting Date moved to Thursday, February 11th –** This will be our international meeting with a club in Pune India.