**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Meeting**

**December 9, 2021**

**7:00 AM Via Zoom**

* **Attendees:**  Wendy Heck, Roger Ruetten, Barbara Tischart, Sara Letourneau, Lonny Stormo, Jeanne Matlock, Ed Boeve, Nancy Lyner, Eli Grenier, Ted Nesse

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

* **September Board Meeting Minutes -** 
  1. Wendy moved to approve the Minutes from the October 28, 2021 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeanne, 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 details of Brewer’s Bazaar fundraising (previously stated as a profit of about $2,000 on BB), and the El Corozo Water Project fundraising (about $40,000) amounts. The Bike Rally fundraising results are partly in last fiscal year.
  2. This quarter $500 was approved by the Club Grants Committee for a project at Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
  3. Barbara moved to approve the Financial Report, Jeanne seconded the motion which was voted and approved.
* **Old Business**
  1. Wendy reported on the Refugee Support investigation through Sara’s contact at International Institute of Minnesota Housing Donation Drive. We can participate by furnishing items for an apartment. Some items must be new (sheets, towels, etc.), and some can be used (dishes, pots and pans, etc.). Wendy estimated that we can provide the needed items for one apartment for about $800 if all items are purchased. It was brought up that many Rotarians have second sets of very nice things and may consider donating such items from their homes. Wendy and Ted will put together a list to be sent to members asking to provide donated items. A motion was made by Barbara and seconded by Nancy to fund up to $1,000 to purchase recommended supplies to provide a family (or two families depending on member donated items) through International Institute of Minnesota Housing Donation Drive. The motion was voted on and carried.
  2. The tri-district convention of Rotary Districts 5580, 5950 and 5960, will be held April 21-23 in 2022 at the River’s Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud, Minnesota. This is a 3-day event, and Ed stated the event would likely cost around $300 to attend plus the cost of any needed lodging. This is not an annual event as it includes all three Districts. We may want to consider providing some Club funds for members who want to attend, and will address this consideration at a future Board Meeting.
* **New Business** 
  1. Our President Elect Nominee is Lonny Stormo. This will be announced at the upcoming Club meeting when a call from the floor for any other nominees will be made, and our candidate(s) will be voted on.
  2. Foundation Share the Love Campaign will be in February again this year. Lonny told us his committee’s plan for having a Rotary project featured each week in January showcasing how giving to the Foundation truly makes a difference. Lonny is the speaker for our February 11th 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).
  3. Stillwater Sunrise signage at the South end of Main Street was brought up by Wendy who noticed our Rotary sign was outdated and in bad shape. She talked with Mark Fisher about it and Mark was able to find an old sign that stated our current meeting location as Oak Glen. This sign is now up, although it is looking worn. Wendy is working with Mark and with Kathy Bang of Stillwater Noon Club to pursue a new sign that would better represent Rotary for both clubs. Jeanne told us there is a Rotary sign at the South side of Bayport, too, so this will be added to the project. Wendy or Mark will advise a plan at a future meeting.

**Committee Chair Reports**

1. **Public Image –** Mark was not present but sent a report earlier about promoting volunteer opportunities which could lead to membership, fundraising and Corporate sponsorships. We look forward to more information on this.
2. **Literacy –** no report
3. **Youth Exchange –** Kris was not present but Wendy said we have 2 candidates for an outbound student opportunity
4. **Fundraising –** Nancy spoke briefly about Bridge The Valley Bike Rally planned for August 14, 2022. The Bike Committee will start regular planning meetings in January. She also said that the City of Stillwater is planning to continue with a city celebration that weekend and hoping to finally have the previously planned “dinner on the bridge” event.
5. **Membership –** Sara stated our membership is at 51, now 52 with the addition of Jim Kroening, which is up 1 compared to last year. She is planning a New Member Orientation for late January. She also noted that members are bringing guests to our meetings, including as recent as our Holiday Party.
6. **Foundation** – see above.
7. **Website –** Ted stated he is posting information on our website as requested, and creating content based on his own knowledge and current experiences. Ted recommended we change our domain to SunRotary.org as it is easier to type out as well as shorter in any promotion. This name has been registered to us for some time. The motion was made by Ed to change our domain to SunRotary.org and seconded by Jeanne. Discussion followed, and the motion was then voted on. There were 2 dissenting votes, however the majority supported this initiative and the motion passed. Our StillwaterSunriseRotary.org registration will continue to be maintained, but our website domain will now be SunRotary.org.
8. **STRIVE** – The STRIVE program is going well as per members who were on the call this morning.
9. **End Human Trafficking** – Eli reported 4 bags of groceries and $390 of gift cards were contributed to the Youth Drop-in Center; and $455 of gift cards were donated to Family Means for the community of Cimmaron. Ed is going to help the formal transfer of responsibility for this area to Eli, as Jeanne is still getting all of our District correspondence. This has been an ongoing issue.
10. **Social Media –** Sara reported weekly scheduled posts are being sent featuring upcoming meetings and speakers. She adds posts as events happen and will be adding the above-mentioned donations as well as results on the holiday party.

The meeting ended with Jeanne putting forth that motion, a second was provided by Barbara, a vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Barbara Tischart  
SSR Secretary