**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Minutes**

**December 20, 2018 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

**Family Means Conference Room**

* **Attendees: –** Jason Hanlon, Margie Horning, Roger Ruetten, Ken McGinley, Mel Sullivan, Don Schuld, Wendy Heck, Barbara Tischart, Bob Gray, Lonny Stormo
* **Previous Board Minutes -** Margie Horning
  1. Minutes Report – Approved minutes from 10-25-18 meeting
* **Finance Report-** –Roger Ruetten
  1. Financial report presented
  2. Discussed future commitments for district and global grants and special projects
  3. Because of the timing of several special club projects, we will be dipping into our reserves
* **Grants Committees (District, Club local and non-local) -**  Margie Horning
  1. Global Grant request from Fargo-Moorhead club for prenatal care for indigenous communities – Because of our commitments to local and global grants, we will not contribute to this grant.
  2. Ed Boeve will probably be ready to present the Kenya Security Fence project at the January grants meeting. The club commitment to this grant is $3,000. Total grant is $24,000. Balance of the funds is coming from other district clubs and our D5960 block grant ($8,160).
* **Membership Report**- Laurie Cherry
  1. Current membership is at 59
  2. We will revise our club bylaws by including wording related to retired from. “Members must be adults of good character with good professional or business reputations and who are actively engaged in **or retired from** the business or profession in which they are classified within the club. Many members hold an important professional position in an executive capacity, or are engaged as owner, proprietor, partner, corporate officer or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession. We are looking for professional individuals **who are** currently **retired from,** in those positions or those in the pursuit of those positions.
  3. The club will vote on these revisions in January, 2019.
  4. At a future meeting, the board will discuss different membership models and levels of membership dues. The goal of these changes should drive an increase in membership.
  5. Roger and Margie will analyze meeting attendance and adjust the number of meals ordered each week to a more appropriate number.
* **Youth Exchange Report** – Wendy Heck
  1. Adolfo received a winter jacket
  2. Still working on a host Family for Spring
* **Foundation Report**- Lonny Stormo
  1. Club members have contributed a total of $8,000 to the Foundation as of November 30, 2018
* **Literacy Chair Report**- Don Schuld
  1. A contract with Urban Boat Builders is pending. The plan is to build one canoe and a number of paddles. About 16 students should participate in the project.
  2. The media center project is going well. Two schools (Rutherford and Stone Bridge) are being served. The work is mainly shelving returned books. The Team is working with the school district to enhance the work with things like helping the students choose books or reading to the students. The Team is also looking at ways to recruit volunteers from other sources.
  3. There is no completion date set for the STRIVE video. This will be used as a marketing tool to approach new sponsors for the Brewers Bazaar.
* **PR Report**- Mark Fisher – no report
* **Old Business** – Jason Hanlon
  1. Halloween Parade Update – Ken, Jason and Margie met with Boutwells December 3rd – Sarah Jones said she would get back to us after Christmas.
* **New Business** – Jason Hanlon and Others
  1. Payment of $150 to Lake Minnetonka Excelsior Rotary Club for website dealing with sex-trafficking.
     + Jeanne and Mary’s involvement in the Anti-Human Trafficking initiative
     + Scott Mercer, AG will be putting together a meeting of our club, Stillwater, Lake Elmo, Woodbury and NSP/Maplewood/Oakdale clubs to discuss what we can do here in Washington County to address the sex-trafficking issues

b. Youth Drop-In Center – things are going well. Donations can be dropped off at Family Resource Center.

c. Membership Requirement wording in bylaws – see above noted changes

d. Brewers Bazaar Fundraiser – At future meetings, Jason will be inspiring the club members about the importance of participating and helping to build our fundraiser. This fundraiser allows our club to continue to do good in the world and our local communities. What we do helps to change lives and we don’t want to cut back on our efforts due to a lack of funds.

e. Ed Boeve nomination for President-Elect – Club will vote on his nomination on January 8, 2019

f. Jan. 12th Mid-Term Event at Hamline University – all are invited to participate

**Next Board Meeting- January 24, 2018 at 7am.**