**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Minutes**

**March 15, 2018 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

**Family Means Conference Room**

1. **Present -** Barbara Tischart, Roger Ruetten, Jason Hanlon, Laurie Cherry, Wendy Heck, Don Schuld, Craig Leiser, Margie Horning, Mel Sullivan, Ken McGinley, Bob Gray
2. **Previous Board Minutes -** Margie Horning
   1. Minutes Report – 02-08-18 board minutes approved. Margie will post on website
3. **Finance Report-** –Roger Ruetten
   1. Finance Report – Approved as presented
4. **Grants Committees (District, Club local and non-local) -**  Margie Horning
   1. Request from the Stillwater Noon club to assist with the funding for the Lashiibi School project in Accra Ghana. The project will provide funding for 14 latrines for a school. The project will also contain elements of Hygiene education and training for the students and teachers. Board voted to provide $1,000 for the project.
5. **Membership Report**- Laurie Cherry
   1. Laurie will continue to attend chamber events to promote our club and Rotary
   2. Laurie, Wendy and Barbara will meet next week to discuss membership options. They will provide membership options at the April meeting.
6. **Youth Exchange Report** – Wendy Heck
   1. We have a student coming from Ecuador – Don’t know if a boy or a girl yet
   2. Host families can be a source for new members. We should make a real effort to invite them to Rotary meetings and social events we have.
   3. Wendy will be meeting with the Spanish teachers to see if families of the students taking Spanish would be a resource for host families.
7. **Foundation Report**- Bob Gray
   1. Bob reported that club members and the club have contributed $15,836 to the annual fund and $11,545 to polio plus.
   2. We have 34 EREY members to date
   3. Craig will promote the Paul Harris Society opportunity to club members. We currently have 7 club members who are participating as PHS members.
   4. We will continue to nominate members for their first Paul Harris award annually each spring using club points.  Members selected will be active in club activities and have already contributed more than $500 to the Rotary Foundation. Currently we have 3 club members who have qualified.
8. **Literacy Chair Report**- Don Schuld
   1. Several members are participating in the Runaway and Homeless Youth project that Brett Emmons is chairing.
   2. We will approve STRIVE scholarships in November in future years.
9. **PR Report**- Ken
   1. Continue to encourage Twitter sign up
10. **Old Business**- Barbara Tischart
    1. Jeanne Matlock attended the initiative for ending human trafficking. She will be our club point person.
    2. We will continue to explore options for the Stillwater Gazebo
11. **New Business**-
    1. Jason reported on PETS – Learned lots of things about Rotary.
    2. Focus for the year will be public image, membership and foundation
    3. The three president elects for 2018-2019 from Lake Elmo, Stillwater and Stillwater Noon will meet on a regular basis to collaborate on issues that touch all three clubs.
    4. Conference of clubs – April 19 – 20 – club will pay the fee for any member attending a district event for the first time and will reimburse one half of the fee for any other member attending.
    5. Raffle tickets for Brewers Bazaar will be available April 10th
    6. We need a few more raffle prizes
    7. We will emphasize committee signup at the next Rotary meeting
12. **Upcoming Events:** 
    1. Brewer’s Bazaar 5/19 All club members are needed to make the event a success. We will promote the concept of “pick an area” you are interested in and sign up with the captain of that area

**Next Board Meeting- April 12th**