**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board of Directors Minutes**

**April 12, 2018 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

**Family Means Conference Room**

* **Present -** Barbara Tischart, Roger Ruetten, Jason Hanlon, Laurie Cherry, Wendy Heck, Margie Horning, Mel Sullivan, Dave Waldschmidt
* **Previous Board Minutes -** Margie Horning
  1. Minutes Report – 3-15-18 board minutes approved. Margie will post to the website.
* **Finance Report-** –Roger Ruetten
  1. Finance Report – Approved as presented
* **Grants Committees (District, Club local and non-local) -**  Margie Horning
  1. Roger reviewed spending to date and future grant commitments
  2. Requests to review –
     1. Lake Elmo playground -- Lake Elmo Rotary will be the lead club on a district grant to help with the building of an inclusive playground. The board voted to contribute up to $1,000 to the 2018-2019 district grant
     2. Refugee Camp generator – After a program by Shetigu Kebede on life in a refugee camp, club members saw a need that the club could help with. We are looking into writing a proposal for a district grant for the 2017-2018 year to fund the purchase of a generator for a refugee camp in Ethiopia. The board approved a commitment of $1,500. We will ask for a match of $1,500 from the district grants committee. Margie Horning will author the proposal.
* **Membership Report**- Laurie Cherry
  1. Membership types: The board discussed each item and voted on each separately.
     1. Guests are invited for 3 breakfasts at no charge. After 3, we hope they will become a member, and if not, the cost of breakfast is charged to the host member. Board voted to approve this point.
     2. Families hosting Youth Exchange students are invited to our meetings, including breakfast at no charge, for the year the student is here. The board voted to approve this point.
     3. Members under 35 years old will be charged $90 per quarter as their membership cost. Board voted to approve this point.
     4. If any member is not able to attend SSR for 1Quarter per year, then that member is allowed the option to pay that Quarters’ membership cost less $100 to account for no breakfast that Quarter. The member must notify the Club Secretary and the Club Treasurer 30 days in advance so that the breakfast count to the Lowell Inn can be adjusted. The Quarter is defined as our standard Quarterly billing cycle. The board voted not to approve this point.
* **Youth Exchange Report** – Wendy Heck
  1. Adolfo Jara a 17 year old student from Ecuador will be our exchange student for the 2018-2019 school year. He would like to play soccer while on the exchange.
  2. Adolfo’s application to attend SAHS as an exchange student was approved by the high school
  3. Wendy is still looking for host families
* **Foundation Report**- Bob Gray – no report
* **Literacy Chair Report**- Don Schuld -- no report
* **PR Report**- Barbara and Ken – no report
* **President’s Report**- Barbara Tischart – no report
* **Old Business**- Barbara Tischart
  1. Status of Stillwater Gazebo exploration – Barbara is working with Craig Leiser and Roger Ruetten and 3 members from the noon club to continue to explore the project.
* **New Business**- All Board
  1. Jason Hanlon – reported that the Brewers Bazaar committee purchased a camping package from Joe’s Sporting Goods – value $750 – club paid $600
  2. Raffle tickets will be available for club members on April 17th. All members are expected to sell 5 tickets – amount $100
  3. Ken and Steven will begin a social media push for the event
  4. Barbara shared information recently received about the 4-club hot dish cook-off on May 3rd. Event will be held at the Lake Elmo Event Center. We are looking for a club member to chair the event.
  5. Picnic will be July 24th at Pioneer Park
  6. The June board meeting will be a joint meeting of the 2017-2018 board and the 2018-2019 board.
  7. The club presented FamilyMeans with a check for $500 for their outstanding work in the community and for allowing the club to use their board room at no charge.
* **Upcoming Events:** 
  1. District Conference – April 19, 20 in Prior Lake – we have 11 members attending on 4/20.
  2. Brewer’s Bazaar – May 19th

**Next Board Meeting - set dates – propose: 5/24; and a June thank-you evening**