**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board of Directors Minutes**

**May 24, 2018 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

**Family Means Conference Room**

* **Present -** Barbara Tischart, Roger Ruetten, Jason Hanlon, Margie Horning, Craig Leiser, Bob Gray, Don Schuld
* **Previous Board Minutes -** Margie Horning
  1. Minutes Report –The minutes of the April 12, 2018 meeting were approved. They will be posted on the website.
* **Finance Report-** –Roger Ruetten
  1. Finance Report – Approved as presented
  2. Brewer’s Bazaar results –Many positive comments from patrons were shared. More information on the event will be presented at the May 29th SSR regular meeting.
  3. There was discussion on adding a bike race or a run to the event in future years.
* **Grants Committees (District, Club local and non-local) -**  Margie Horning
  1. Review spending to date and future grant commitments
     1. Lake Elmo DG Inclusive playground equipment for 2018-2019 -- $1,000
     2. Rochester Risers GG Nutrition/Garden project in Guatemala $1,000
     3. Stillwater Noon 2017-2018 DG for the Lashiibi School in Ghana $1,000
  2. Requests to review –
     1. Refugee Camp generator – revise to Women’s Shelter/Orphanage project in Ethiopia (Previous project: After a program by Shetigu Kebede on life in a refugee camp, we wrote 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.) **The Board voted to change the focus of the district grant to supporting a Women’s shelter – learning program and an orphanage. The women in this Ethiopian community will learn a trade in sewing and baking so they can support their families. Part of the income earned while the women are in training will be returned to the program so the program will become self-sustaining. The generator will help supply a steady stream of electricity when the power is out (which happens on a regular basis.) The generator will also be used at the orphanage when the power is out. The cost of the generator is $1,300 - $1,500. We will ask for a district match of $500 and the club cost will be $800 to $1,000. Board voted to approve once additional information is gathered by Margie Horning.**
     2. Wall for Daylight School in Kenya -- The proposal has been presented at the district for the 2018-2019 Rotary year. Ed Boeve will be contacting other clubs for their contributions to this project. The total cost is $24,000. We are asking for a district match of $12,000. Our club contribution will be $3,000.
     3. We will send $500 to the Count Me In – Nakivale Rotaract club in a Ugandan refugee camp. The American Refugee Committee is the organization overseeing the campaign.
* **Membership Report**- Laurie Cherry
  1. No Report
* **Youth Exchange Report** – Wendy Heck
  1. Barbara reported for Wendy that the first host family is in place. Wendy is seeking families for phase 2 and 3.
  2. Jeff Nelson will be the youth advocate
  3. Paula Williams will head the outbound youth exchange committee
* **Foundation Report**- Bob Gray
  1. Foundation giving to the annual fund is $18,783
  2. Total club giving to all Rotary Foundation funds is $30,923
* **Literacy Chair Report**- Don Schuld
  1. ALC– Urban Boat Builders project -- cost has increased from $5,000 to $8,000.
  2. Discussed contacting Lake Elmo and Stillwater to help share the cost.
  3. Discussed making the project be biennial due to the cost increase.
  4. Don presented two volunteer opportunities for our club members
     1. Media Center support for Stillwater Elementary Schools
        1. Volunteers are trained in functions of the media center
        2. Commit 1 to 2 days – 3 hours each day for the duration of the school year
        3. Don will present the volunteer opportunity at a future club meeting

ii. Support the St Croix Valley Area Learning Center with the development of a job shadowing program in the automotive and repair industry.

* + - 1. Transportation from ALC to job sites may be the only additional cost for the program.
      2. More on this at a later date
* **PR Report**- Barbara and Ken
  1. No report given
* **President’s Report**- Barbara Tischart –
  1. No report
* **Old Business**- Barbara Tischart
  1. Brewer’s Bazaar – details will be covered at the May 29th meeting
  2. Status of Stillwater Gazebo exploration – Barbara, Craig, Roger and 3 members from the noon club continue to explore the project. Craig is meeting with Shaun Saunders from Stillwater to further discuss the Gazebo project.
* **New Business**- All Board
  1. No Report
* **Upcoming Events:** 
  1. Report on Runaway and Homeless Youth May 30th at Presbyterian Church from 6 – 7pm (this is a report on the clubs 2017-2018 district grant)
  2. Picnic will be July 24th at Pioneer Park

**Next Board Meeting - June 21st 7 pm at Barbara’s home; a joint meeting of current and new Board, thank-you to the current Board and a send-off for Jason to the International Meeting.**