**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Meeting**

**May 26 ,2022**

**7:00 am at Family Means**

**Attendees:**  Wendy Heck, Rick Heidick, Roger Ruetten, Barbara Tischart, Sara Letourneau, Ed Boeve, Mark Fisher, Lonny Stormo, Greg Otsuka, Jeanne Matlock, Paula Williams, Ted Nesse

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

* **April Board Meeting Minutes -** 
  1. Barbara moved to approve the Minutes from the April 28, 2022 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Lonny, 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 Balance Sheet. Some discussion was held regarding SSR’s contribution to the District Fast for Hope program. It was confirmed that last month’s passed motion to contribute a total of $2,500 to the District Fast For Hope was inclusive of our expected membership contribution of $765, plus the money raised through Hoops for Hope. Roger will send in our overall contribution of $2,500.
  2. Roger confirmed the $1,000 contribution to ALC honoring Mary Parchetta was sent. Because the contribution came from our Club funds in the St. Croix Valley Foundation, Wendy will send a letter of this SSR contribution to the Parchetta family.
  3. The St. Croix Valley Foundation is planned to be used for all 401(3)b donations.
  4. SSR participated in the District Shark Tank program May 24th. Janis Donnelly was our “shark.” We committed to a total of $2,400 contributions for worthy projects in our District. This will be accrued.
  5. Our cash flow is $5,000 ahead of last year at this time.
  6. Our initial approved budget for the 2021-2022 Fiscal year showed a Net Loss; however, the current projection shows positive Net Income. There was some discussion of the dollars flowing through our budget associated with the El Corozo Grant project, which crosses last fiscal year with the upcoming fiscal year. This is also true of the dollars earned from 2021 Bike Rally, and the expenses coming up for this year’s Bike Rally, which again crosses our Rotary fiscal year. This is reflected in our Budget/Actual, and anyone with questions regarding details can contact Roger.
* **Old Business**
  1. **SSR Strategic Planning Update** – Rick provided an overview of the status of the teams with the main update on the Visioning Process. Lonny is leading this process which includes the recent workshop held at a club meeting. Lonny will be reporting on a recommended visioning process.
  2. **North Star Institute –** Some discussion was held regarding the upcoming multi-zone Rotary Conference for “building leaders in Rotary” which will be in Bloomington MN this year. No motion was made regarding determining and/or supporting SSR member registrations at this time. Ed and Rick will further discuss and bring a recommendation to the Board.
  3. **Pune India District Grant Collaboration –** Ted presented an overview of opportunities to collaborate with Pune Tilak Road Rotary in Pune India. We have a relationship with this group from a project some years ago, and we also had a Zoom meeting with this group more recently. The SSR team investigating this project is Ted Nesse, Ed Boeve, Wendy Heck and Peggy Schoening Perry. There is a general plan to do a Shivapur Happy Village project over the next 2-3 years. The likely project will include the improvement of the primary health care facility in the village. Funds needed would likely range from $40k - $80k. The question was brought before the Board if the investigation of this kind, size and location of project should be pursued. Jeanne moved for SSR to pursue a co-grant to outline the details of the project and detailing of the funding proposal with the understanding that a Board approval will be needed prior to moving forward with any project. Lonny seconded the motion, and the vote carried with support by all voting. Ted has details of the project investigation should anyone want more information or to be involved.
* **New Business**
  1. **Electors for District Meeting Voting –** The District Annual Meeting will be held June 22 at 4:30. This is an on-line Zoom meeting. SSR can have 2 representative voters for District issues, and Ed and Lonny will be our representatives. We understand the vote will involve dues, and it is not expected that District dues will increase. Ed stated that RI dues will go up $0.50 per person across all clubs.
* **Upcoming Events**
  1. **International Conference –** June 4-8th in Houston TX. Wendy, Rick and Ed will attend as past president, current president, and upcoming president. Jack Gibbons will be there, and it is hoped that other Club members will also be attending.
  2. **Club Picnic July 19 –** Paula this leading this event. She is looking for volunteers for an entertainment committee.
* **Committee Chairs**
  1. **Membership –** Sara reported a +1 in membership so far this year. She stated there are 3 additional serious candidates for membership and expects to add those 3 over the next few months. She complimented Wendy’s continual push on “Every One Bring One” as every new member has come through this effort on the part of current members.
  2. **Website** – Ted reported he was asked by Barbara and is working on a Bike Rally registration management system that will be available through our website. Ted also set up a nomination form as asked by the Foundation Committee (see Foundation Report below). Ted is changing our website to include a mobile-friendly home page. (FYI there are limits within the Clubrunner system we use.)
  3. **Volunteer Projects** – Greg stated that he is making plans with Rick for this role for next year.
  4. **Public Image** – Mark reported he is planning a Rotary booth message at the Bike Rally in August which is similar to last year’s message. Doing Good in the World will continue to be our theme and will be part of the branding effort the Visioning group is working on. Mark will have a draft of the Bike Rally booth materials at the next Board meeting. Mark is working with Stillwater Noon Club on updated signage in Stillwater and Bayport. Mark expects to have a proposal with costs at the next Board Meeting.
  5. **Foundation celebration –**Lonny stated we have $53,668 year-to-date in Foundation donations which includes $20,000 from Arba-Della Beck. RI has recorded 53 giving members which makes us an ERAY (Every Rotarian Ever Year) Club this year!  
     Lonny provided the plans for a Doing Good In The World celebration. It will be held September 8 at Rustic Roots. This will include recognition for Service as much as Giving this past year. Recognition awards will be determined by nominations in the Rotary areas of focus. Lonny worked with Ted to set up a nomination form on our website, so it will be easy for nominations to be made. Celebration cost estimate is $3,000 and considerations for selling tickets to the event or buying tickets as a donation to a specific cause are under consideration. No decision was made. and this will be addressed where Lonny will provide outlines for funding options at a future Board meeting. Save the date: September 8th, 6 pm!

The meeting ended with a motion to adjourn, a second was provided, a vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned.

The next Board Meeting is June 16th at Wendy’s home. She will send an email with details and address. This will be a combination social gathering with appreciation for the Board’s service this year, and any needed Club business needing to be covered.

Submitted by Barbara Tischart  
SSR Secretary