**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Meeting**

**June 17, 2022**

**7:00 am via Zoom**

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

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

* **May Board Meeting Minutes -** 
  1. Barbara moved to approve the Minutes from the May 2022 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded, voted and approved.

* **Finance Report – Roger/Paula** 
  1. **Financial Review** – Paula provided the current financial update including a review of the P&L, and the Balance Sheet.
  2. RI dues are to be paid in July, based on our membership count.
  3. It was confirmed that The St. Croix Valley Foundation is planned to be used for all 501(3)b donations.
* **Old Business**
  1. **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 put forward to provide financial support to this event; however there remains a continued interest in sending SSR members. There is a fee for anyone attending. Ed and Rick will further discuss and bring a recommendation to the Board.

The Leadership Institute provides leadership training for Club Members. Districts can be members of this Institute. About 80% of Districts are members, however 5960 is not. Cost is around $100 per year.

* 1. **New Rotary Signs at City Entrances –** Mark presented an overview of current signage at the south entrance to Stillwater and the south entrance to Bayport. He had quotes by Sir Metal Man for new signage similar to what is at our sponsored Pollinator Garden. Action going forward is Mark will bring this to our SSR Branding Committee for their recommendation on what signage is consistent with our brand, as well as locations for sign(s). We will also contact Stillwater Club (Noon Club) for possible collaboration on signage. The Stillwater Club has old signage, too. More on this to follow.
* **New Business**
  1. **New Member Application –** A membership application was received from Nance Purcell, sponsored by Nancy Lyner. Barbara motioned for her membership, Lonny seconded, and the motion passed. Welcome Nance!
  2. **Lumberjack Day Parade –** Wendy received a request from Stillwater Club to join them in participating in the parade under a joint Rotary entry. The Board decided to take no action until an interest by members who could/would participate was determined. Cost is $100-200 to participate. Wendy will send an email for volunteers to walk in the parade and if enough interest, joining Stillwater Club will be pursued.
* **Upcoming Events**
  1. **Club Hike –** June 23, at 4 pm. Meet at Neal Avenue Water Stop on Brown’s Creek Trail.
  2. **Club Picnic July 19 –** Paula this organizing this event. She is looking for volunteers for an entertainment committee.
  3. **District Awards Celebration –** June 21, 4-5:30 pm via Zoom
  4. **District Annual Meeting –** June 22, at 4:30 pm, via Zoom. Ed and Rick will represent us as electors
  5. **BTV –** It was brought up that our Bike Rally event is not on the District Calendar. Ted took the action to ensure it is posted there.
* **Committee Chairs**
  1. **Youth Exchange –** Kris stated all is on-track with our students from Japan and from Spain. They are expected 8/18 or later. Their first host families are identified and ready. While we don’t yet have the following needed families, Kris is confident that once the students are here and meeting people, there will be good families for their move to their next family.
  2. **Membership -** Sara reported in addition to Nance, Matthew Stepaniak is completing his application for membership. She said another good candidate is expected to apply for membership at the end of August. a +1 in membership so far this year. She once again stated Wendy’s continual push on “Every One Bring One” has been successful as every new member has come through this effort on the part of current members.
  3. **Foundation Celebration –**Lonny provided an update to the planned Foundation Celebration. He is expecting attendance to be 75 people and has an estimated cost of $2,700 for this event. The very reasonable price is because his wife Janet and a friend of hers are willing to make most of the appetizers! Lonny asked the Board for approval to spend Club funds of $2,700 for this event. A motion was made by Roger for our club to spent up to $2,700 for this event. It was seconded and passed unanimously. 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.

A gathering of Board Members and participants will be held in early July at Wendy’s home. She will send an email with details and address. This will be a social gathering in appreciation for the Board’s service this year, and any needed Club business needing to be covered.

**Note: on June 27, Matthew Stepaniak submitted his application for membership. An on-line vote was held and his membership was approved. Welcome Matthew!**

Submitted by Barbara Tischart  
SSR Secretary