**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**September 14, 2017**

* **Present -** Barbara Tischart, Don Schuld, Laurie Cherry, Wendy Heck, Craig Leiser, Ted Nesse, Mel Sullivan, Jason Hanlon, Roger Ruetten, Eli Quiett, Margie Horning
* **Previous Board Minutes -** Margie Horning
	1. 8-17-17 Minutes Approved (Ted posted on the new website)
* **Finance Report-** –Roger Ruetten
	1. Finance Report – Financials approved as presented
* **Grants Committees (District, Club local and non-local) -**  Margie Horning
	1. Approved $1,000 contribution to Lake Elmo Rotary’s district grant to purchase reach-in freezers and refrigerators for a new food shelf in Woodbury
	2. Approved $500 contribution to Woodland Lakes Rotary’s district grant to build a Veterans’ Memorial Flag display in Clayton WI
	3. Approved $1,000 for Rochester Rotary’s global grant to provide water purification systems for 13 villages in Guatemala
* **Membership Report**- Laurie Cherry
	1. Planning a Fireside chat to introduce new members to Rotary and the club
	2. Would like to get 5 Rotarians to attend the Chamber mixers – which are held the 3rd Thursday of each month. Next one is September 21st.
	3. Start “Rotarian in the Spotlight” as a way to get to know some interesting details about our Rotary members
* **Youth Exchange Report** – Wendy Heck
	1. Next year is our club’s turn to host the foreign exchange student
	2. Wendy will request help to handle duties related to youth exchange and the in-coming student
	3. Mary Parcheta is our club’s Youth Protection Officer. Craig will mentor Mary
* **Foundation Report**- Bob Gray No report
* **Literacy Chair Report**- Don Schuld No report
* **PR Report**- Eli Quiett
	1. Photo storage with Drop Box - $99 per year – Barbara/Ken/Ted – the photo storage with Drop Box was approved
	2. Project photos with our kids – ok to include on our website? Discussion tabled until next month
	3. Brochure for recruitment – Barbara shared a tri-fold brochure she had made up. We will use this as a recruitment tool. She will be attending a Rotaract event on Friday and put the brochures to work.
	4. Newsletter on-line status –Ted has been posting a summary of the meeting and has been using Club Runner to send to members. The Board liked the simple format. We are looking for someone to take on the job for the year.
* **President’s Report**- Barbara Tischart
* **Old Business**- Barbara Tischart
	1. Mary Jo Weingarten Endowment plan – Barbara is working on establishing a committee to learn more about the funds that Rotary has contributed to the MJW Endowment plan and recommend future contributions to the plan and involvement in the distribution of the annual funds.
* **New Business**- All Board
	1. Shelter Box donation – Barbara – Shelter Box will provide a fun interactive meeting on October 10th. We will be setting up the items in the box at the meeting.
	2. We are on a 3-year contribution plan with Shelter Box – contributing $1,000 per year.
	3. Our current guest policy will continue. Currently, we do not charge for guests. We do charge visiting Rotarians $9 for the breakfast.
* **Upcoming Events:**
	1. STRIVE starts - September
	2. Halloween Parade – October 25
	3. Holiday Party – December 12

**Next Board Meeting- set date for October at Barbara’s home**