**Our Mission: Stillwater Sunrise Rotary is a diverse group of leaders committed to making our local and global communities a better place to live.**

**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Minutes**

**January 28th, 2021 at 7:00 a.m.**

**via Zoom**

* **Attendees:** Ed Boeve, Margie Horning, Roger Ruetten, Craig Leiser, Wendy Heck, Janis Donnelly, Don Schuld, Kris Bowditch, Ted Nesse, Lonny Stormo, Brent Voight, Dave Waldschmidt, Jon Stillman, Mark Fisher, Rick Heidick, Sara Letourneau, Barbara Tischart, Nancy Lyner, and Jeanne Matlock
* **December Board Meeting Minutes - Margie Horning** 
  + Minutes from the December 17, 2020 Board meeting approved
* **Finance Report** - **Roger Ruetten** 
  + **Balance Sheet -** Report dated January 26, 2021 presented and discussed.
  + **Income Statement –** Report dated January 26, 2021 presented and discussed.
  + Ed Boeve provided information on some budgeted items that will not be used mainly because of COVID.
  + We do have an unbudgeted item of $1553.55 for the study of the Stillwater Gazebo structural needs that is now due. See attached document and Barbara’s notes on the history of the Club’s involvement.
  + We have received requests from two clubs to help with a grant in Niger and one in Uganda. Discussion was postponed until next month so the Board would have time to review both requests.
* **“Quick Items”** 
  + **Membership Churn (Ins and Outs) (Margie)** Lenny Snellman joined January 1, 2021 as a new member.
  + **Visioning Plan Progress Report (Rick Heidick)** The visioning plan is moving ahead.
  + Ted Nesse reported that if we move to a hybrid meeting, a 30-day lead time would be needed.
* **Organizational Proposals for 21/22 Rotary Year (Wendy Heck)** 
  + **Board of Directors appointment –** The slate of Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board members was presented by President-Elect Wendy Heck. Board approved the slate for the 2021-22 Rotary year.
  + **Regular Meeting Format adjustments** – Wendy presented a variety of options that other clubs are using for their meetings. No decisions were made at this time to change our meeting format. See attached document that lists the options. Wendy will send the club a survey on meeting options to get their responses. Barbara Tischart and Craig Leiser will work with Wendy on the wording of the survey questions.
  + Bylaw changes are put on hold for now. More time is needed to incorporate thoughts that are being generated by the various Teams involved in carrying out the club’s master plan from the vision session.
* **February 11th Meeting Plan (Ted Nesse)** 
  + Ted went over the plan for the special meeting on Thursday February 11, 2021, with the Tilak Road Rotary Club in Pune, India Rotary.
  + The plan is to incorporate our club’s highlights into a few PowerPoints. Difficult to do with such an active and vibrant club.
* **Fundraising Planning Team Update (Nancy Lyner**
  + The plan is to hold Brewers Bazaar in October and evaluate the outcome to see if we want to continue to hold the event.
  + A Charity Bike Ride is planned for August. This will be held in conjunction with the Hands Across the River event. Kris Bowditch and Rick Heidick are the main champions of the new event.
  + The Team is concerned about club burnout because we are holding two big fundraising events within a short time frame.
  + The Team also recognizes that each event needs totally separate leadership
  + Ideas for smaller fundraisers were also mentioned – deer project, flag project, online auction rounding up for Polio etc.
  + The Team is also looking at our club becoming more involved in Summer Tuesdays
  + Nancy is also putting a survey together to get the club’s preferences regarding fundraising.

* **Plan for ‘Share the Love’ Promotion (Lonny Stormo)**
  + Share the Love Campaign will highlight The Rotary Foundation
  + We were encouraged to sign up for the Happy Hour on February 1st from 4:30 – 5:30. Our club will be recognized.
  + There are many giving opportunities connected to the Share the Love Campaign
  + During February, there will be more emphasis on celebrating our very own Paul Harris Fellows, grants that used Foundation funds, and anything else that we can think of to recognize the importance of the foundation.
* **Other Updates / Concerns** 
  + **Youth Exchange ( Kris B.)** the program is on hold for now
  + **Membership (Sara L.)** Sara was welcomed as the incoming Membership Team Leader. She will work with Laurie Cherry and Wendy to learn more about the importance of her upcoming role.
  + **Literacy Committee (Dave, Mary, Don, et.al.)** no report
  + **Climate Action (Don S.)** The Team will continue to provide tips at each meeting. They are also pursuing the possibility of sponsoring a charging station in the Stillwater area and looking forward to Spring to get the pollinator garden in good shape.
  + **End Human Trafficking (Jeanne M)** Jeanne was asked to be on the district’s task force to End Human Trafficking – being the involved Rotarian that she is – Jeanne of course said yes to the opportunity.
  + **Strive (Brent V.)** The Lake Elmo Club will contribute $3,000 to the scholarship fund this year but are backing off for next year. They need to assess their financial situation. The teachers at SAHS showed the video to the STRIVE students. The students know that the due date for their videos is the Friday of spring break. Brent also continues to participate in the district’s STRIVE committee.
* **Old Business** None
* **Upcoming Events**
  1. **District 5960 Mid Term Zoom today at 4:30 PM**
  2. **Foundation Happy Hour on Monday, Feb.1st at 4:30 PM**
  3. **Meeting Date moved to Thursday, February 11th**
  4. **Social Connection Opportunities – none planned at this time**