**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Minutes**

**January 23, 2020 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

**FamilyMeans Conference Room**

* **Attendees** - Bob Gray, Margie Horning, Jason Hanlon, Jeanne Matlock, Don Schuld, Mark Fisher, Laurie Cherry and Dave Waldschmidt
* **Previous Board Minutes** - Margie Horning
	1. Minutes Report -Approved minutes from the December 19, 2019 meeting.
* **Finance Report** - Roger Ruetten – no report
* **Membership Report** - Laurie Cherry
	1. Networking group – working on setting up a meeting this February. The Lake Elmo Rotary Club was contacted about joining the group but no response as of today.
	2. Continuing to work on getting a flyer put together to showcase the benefits of becoming a Rotarian – especially a Stillwater Sunrise Rotarian.
	3. Laurie will continue to attend the Chamber mixers. They are held the third Thursday from 5-7.
	4. There was discussion on how to approach the Chamber members to tweak their interest in Rotary and better utilize our club’s Chamber membership.
	5. We will continue to post our weekly meeting summaries on the Chamber website.
	6. Long-time member Dave Langer changed his membership to the West St. Paul Mendota Heights Rotary club. We wish him well – he will be missed.
* **Grants Committees Report (District & Club: local and non-local) -** Margie Horning
	1. La Ceiba, Dominican Republic water & sanitation project (Roseville Club) – Margie will contact Maria about our club’s interest in helping to fund their global grant for the 2020-2021 Rotary year.
	2. A local grant is being formulated by Jerry Jones - Library Telescopes for Kids. The project cost is less than $500 so our local grants committee chaired by Paula Williams will review the request.
* **Literacy Chair Report** - Dave Waldschmidt
	1. The article about the Media Center Volunteer Program yielded 5 new volunteers. The first orientation session will train 3 new volunteers who will help out at Rutherford School. Two volunteers work full-time so are not readily available.
	2. Dave and John Perry went to Lake Elmo Rotary with a Power Point program and photos to get the word out about the program and how they can help move it forward.
	3. The goal is to grow the program slowly so it has continued success.
	4. A second article about the literacy program may appear in the Connection.
	5. The expanded reading portion of the program is going well.
* **Youth Exchange Report** – Wendy Heck – no report
* **Foundation Report** – Bob Gray for Lonny Stormo
	1. Year-to-date total donations $15,896.22 - $10,000 goal. Last year the club donated $29,000 to the Rotary Foundation
	2. December EREY members 28 – last year 37
	3. Lonny is part of a district group to build the foundation further. It is led by Kyle Haugen and includes 7 other Rotarians. The group is trying to figure out how to help all clubs do more and how to recognize success differently than just the annual dinner.
* **Public Image Report** – Mark Fisher
	1. The club will donate 2 Brewers and Bourbon Bazaar tickets to MAEF and the Partnership Plan
1. We are poised to be local to global and global to local
2. Mark presented a STRIVE SBAR (situation, background, analysis and recommendations) document
3. Question to ask is – What are we doing to appeal to other groups?
	1. Tailor programs to different groups
	2. Don’t be so structured
	3. What do corporations want for their employees – we can meet that need
4. This approach needs to be packaged appropriately
5. Identify what we like and go find it
6. Expansion of our presence on social media is needed
* **STRIVE Report** - Brent Voight no report
* **End Human Trafficking Report** - Jeanne Matlock
	1. The Team put an End Human trafficking document together. It will be discussed and handed out at the January 28th meeting.
	2. We need insight on how to better implement our donations to the Youth Connections Drop-In Center.
* **Climate Action Team Report** - Don Schuld
	1. The Climate Action Team is working with Kevin Tholen from Sustainable Stillwater on the viability of getting an electric vehicle charging station in Stillwater. A presentation was provided to the Downtown Parking Commission which resulted in their recommendation that the City Council support this request. Our Climate Action Team and Sustainable Stillwater will be looking to our club as well as other sources to obtaining funding once the City has approved the EV charging station and determined a location.
	2. April 22, 2020 is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Sustainable Stillwater is hosting an electric vehicle program from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the Water Street Inn.
	3. Looking into SSR participating by having a table at the event that will feature our climate action themes.
* **Old Business** – All
	1. Visioning Session (Thu, Mar 19th) Jason is sending our invites. We are limited to 20 – 25 members participating.
	2. Bridge Dinner & Hands Across Stillwater (Fri, May 15th)
	3. Stillwater Gazebo Update – Report from Barbara Tischart:
		1. Collaborative Design Group was chosen for the Gazebo study. They are under a not-to-exceed quote award.
		2. Collaborative has been on site, taking measurements, etc., and have started some of the analysis.
		3. The City is setting up a meeting for Collaborative to meet with the City representative, and a representative from each of the Rotary clubs, I will be there from SSR, and Doug (I’ve forgotten his last name) will be there from Noon Club. This will take place within the next 2 weeks. No money from SSR is requested at this time.
		4. I’ll provide an update once this meeting has taken place. At this time, I don’t have a date nor the agenda for the meeting; but I have been in touch with the City on this project.
	4. Conference of Clubs on April 30 and May 1, 2020 – entertained paying for anyone attending the COC for the first time.
* **New Business** - Bob Gray
	1. Ed Boeve (Board Members 2020-2021) – no report
* **Upcoming Events** – All
	1. Brewers Bazaar, Avalon Riverboat (Sat, May 16th) More participation is needed from club members.
* **Next Board Meeting** - Thursday, February 27, 2020, 7:00 AM, FamilyMeans