**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Minutes**

**February 20, 2020 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

**FamilyMeans Conference Room**

* **Attendees** - Bob Gray, Roger Ruetten, Jeanne Matlock, Laurie Cherry, Don Schuld, Mel Sullivan, Craig Leiser, Mark Fisher, Dave Waldschmidt, Lonny Stormo, Jason Hanlon, Brent Voight, Margie Horning
* **Previous Board Minutes** - Margie Horning
  1. Minutes Report – Approved the minutes from the January 23, 2020 Board meeting
* **Finance Report** - Roger Ruetten
  1. Finance Report – presented and discussed. All finances appeared to be in order. We should end the 2019-2020 year in good shape.
* **Membership Report** - Laurie Cherry
  1. An inaugural meeting of the Networking group is Scheduled to meet March 3, 2020, at the Lakes.
  2. A brochure highlighting our club and reasons to join SSR is in the works. Ted Nesse is assisting Laurie with this project.
  3. We will still be doing Rotarian in the Spotlight
  4. Discussion on how to recruit new members
     1. Target civic leaders
     2. Local organizations and corporations who do not have a presence in Rotary
     3. Make this a topic at our visioning session March 19th
     4. Follow-up with prospects as they pop up or express an interest in learning more about Rotary and our club.
     5. Target individuals in the Chamber’s Leadership program
* **Grants Committees Report (District & Club: local and non-local) -** Margie Horning
  1. Proposal to be an Investor in the Conference of Club’s shark Tank. The objective of the Shark Tank is to promote the importance of Rotary Foundation grants and to encourage inactive clubs to participate in developing grants. The Board voted to invest $500 in the program.
  2. There is a local grant for a telescope project to further interest in STEM using astronomy to inspire science and technology curiosity and hands on outdoor adventures. Our local grant team is reviewing the request.
  3. The thought was to use more P/R to get the word out about the availability of funds to promote local small project.
* **Literacy Chair Report** - Dave Waldschmidt – no report
* **Youth Exchange Report** - Wendy Heck – via Bob Gray
  1. Kris Bowditch will be the YEO for 2020-2021
  2. Jimena will be visiting our club on March 3rd
  3. 2 potential host families have been lined up for our new incoming student
  4. No information on who will be our 2020-2021 incoming exchange student
* **Foundation Report** - Lonny Stormo
  1. Giving to date is $16,126.22 -- $13,707.97 annual fund and $2,418.25 to Polio Plus.
  2. 28 members have participated so far this year
  3. Lonny is part of a district Team charged with figuring out new ways to get the word out on all the ways donations to the Rotary Foundation impact lives. The idea would be to bring more focus to what the funds can do. And by doing that contributions to TRF would increase so we can continue to do more good in the world.
  4. District will not have a Foundation dinner this year but is looking for more innovative ways to celebrate the giving – the life-blood for Rotary.
  5. Looking to increase the club’s celebration for those who donate.
* **Public Image Report** - Mark Fisher
  1. Mark would like to defer the start of any P/R initiative until after our visioning session
* **STRIVE Report** - Brent Voight
  1. Brent is working with the student we sent to Camp Enterprise to come up with her thoughts on the camp and its impact.
  2. STRIVE is meeting once a month. The teachers like it but the mentors don’t feel they are getting to know their students because of the shortened time spent with them.
  3. Brent will bring more stories about the impact the STRIVE program has with students.
  4. We will celebrate the three clubs banding together to fund the STRIVE scholarships
* **End Human Trafficking Report** - Jeanne Matlock
  1. Eli shared a video that she received from a cousin in a CA Rotary club on Human Trafficking
  2. There will be a fund raiser for Amborella House April 28th. Amborella House is a safe house for trafficked women in the Forest Lake area.
* **Climate Action Team Report** - Don Schuld
  1. The EV charging station concept is going to the City Council. They will be discussing funding and finding an ideal location for the EV station
  2. Discussion regarding the club having a display at Earth Day April 22, 2020. Rick Robbins will be contacted regarding ideas on table displays etc. to use for our promotion if we move forward with sponsoring a table at the event.
* **Old Business** – All
  1. Electric Charging Station – see above
  2. Stillwater Gazebo Update – no update
* **New Business** - Bob Gray
  1. Our club will volunteer at the Lift bridge dinner celebration in May – details pending
* **Upcoming Events** – All
  1. Visioning Session (Thu, Mar 19th)
  2. Earth Day - Electric Vehicle Exhibit (Wed, Apr 22nd)
  3. Conference of Clubs (Thu, Apr 30th - Fri, May 1st)
  4. Lift Bridge Reopening Celebration Dinner (Fri, May 15th)
  5. Hands Across Stillwater (Sat, May 16th)
  6. 14th Annual Brewers and Bourbon Bazaar (Sat, Oct 3rd)
* **Next Board Meeting** - Thursday, March 26, 2020, 7:00 AM, FamilyMeans