**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Minutes**

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

**Via Zoom**

* **Attendees** - Bob Gray, Margie Horning, Don Schuld, Craig Leiser, Ed Boeve, Jeanne Matlock, Lonny Stormo, Roger Ruetten, Brent Voight, Mel Sullivan, Jason Hanlon, Dave Waldschmidt, Ted Nesse, Mark Fisher
* **Previous Board Minutes** - Margie Horning
  1. February Minutes Report -Approved the minutes from the February 20, 2020 Board meeting
  2. March Minutes Report – Note the March meeting was cancelled
* **Finance Report** - Roger Ruetten
  1. Finance Report – presented and discussed. All finances appeared to be in order. Because the Rotary International Conference in Hawaii was canceled, Ed Boeve will be returning $1,274 in prepaid expenses for this event.
  2. Ed Boeve will be working on the budget for 2020-2021
* **Membership Report** – no report
* **Grants Committees Report (District & Club: local and non-local) -** Margie Horning
  1. COVID-19 Response Grant - $25,000 District Grant (Valley Outreach, Meals from the Heart) The Board voted to contribute $100 to the COVID-19 grant. Craig Leiser will author the grant and reach out to Stillwater and Lake Elmo to see if they want to partner. Both organizations serve all of our communities. Our request will be for $2,500 from the grant and $100 from our club. If the other two clubs participate, the budget will increase by those amounts.
  2. District Combined Grant (Second Harvest, Channel One, Greater Twin Cities YMCA) A motion was made to contribute $250 to the above named district grant. The motion did not pass by a margin of 3 yes votes and 11 no votes.
  3. 2020-2021 Grant Year – Lonny Stormo will take the lead on putting together a district grant for 2020-2021. The focus will be on how to engage with other groups to create awareness of diabetes and making the risk test more available to the public.
  4. The local grants team approved a $500 grant to the American Diabetes Association for camp sponsorships.
  5. This year, the local grants team also approved grants of $500 each to Evolve, Sustainable Stillwater and MN Astronomical Society’s library telescope project.
* **Literacy Chair Report** - Dave Waldschmidt
  1. The article in “It Takes a Valley” called It Takes Volunteers showcased our media project. Great article but the report came out at the same time that the COVID-19 closings were announced. The article hoped to present a great opportunity to add volunteers from the community, but the closings of the schools dampened that opportunity.
  2. The media volunteers may be able to help the librarians organize the libraries. The group will balance risk and the volunteers’ safety before embarking on the clean-up project.
  3. Keeping the Media project in the forefront will need repeated press releases. Carissa Keister from the school district will be able to assist us with this.
* **Youth Exchange Report** – No report
* **Foundation Report** - Lonny Stormo
  1. We are currently at total giving of $19,100 with 30 members giving.
  2. At one of our virtual meetings, there are plans for continuing to talk about the important work The Rotary Foundation does in our communities and the world and how our generosity makes that happen
* **Public Image Report** - Mark Fisher
  1. Visioning canceled
  2. How about this for a theme: We are back in business better than ever serving the needs of our community
* **STRIVE Report** - Brent Voight
  1. The STRIVE scholarships are on target to be awarded
  2. Students can use them for school expenses for 2020 and 2021
  3. Lake Elmo will contribute $3,000 and Stillwater $1,000
  4. The Scholarship committee reviewed the students’ projects and papers and made recommendations on who should receive the scholarships.
  5. Mentors also participated in the Mentors Choice
  6. Six students were chosen
  7. The scholarships total $13,000
  8. Brent will present them at our Zoom meeting on May 5th
* **End Human Trafficking Report** - Jeanne Matlock
  1. No new information on End Human Trafficking
  2. The YMCA is starting a program dealing with homeless youth
* **Climate Action Team Report** - Don Schuld
  1. Earth Day Electric Vehicle Event was canceled and rescheduled for late summer or fall.
* **d Business** – All
  1. Electric Charging Station – no report
  2. Stillwater Gazebo – no report
* **New Business** - Bob Gray
  1. Visioning Session on hold
  2. Candidate for Rotary D5960 for the Council on Legislation and Council on Resolutions Representative – our club will nominate Craig Leiser. We will have a special email meeting to vote yes or no to sending Craig’s name on to the district to serve in this role.
* **Upcoming Events** – All
  1. Lift Bridge Reopening Celebration Dinner (Rescheduled Date - Fri, Aug 28th)
  2. 14th Annual Brewers and Bourbon Bazaar (Sat, Oct 3rd)
  3. Hands Across Stillwater (Postponed to Spring 2021)
* **Next Board Meeting** - Thursday, May 28, 2020, 7:00 AM, FamilyMeans or Zoom