**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Minutes**

**May 28, 2020 7:00 a.m. - 8:15 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, Wendy Heck, Laurie Cherry, Barbara Tischart
* **Previous Board Minutes** - Margie Horning
  1. Minutes Report – Approved minutes from the April 23, 2020 Board meeting
* **Finance Report** - Roger Ruetten
  1. Finance Report – presented and discussed
  2. Preliminary 2020-2021 Budget - Ed Boeve – Two scenarios were presented and discussed. It was assumed that our major fund raiser Brewers and Bourbon Bazaar would not be held this year due to the COVID-19 virus. Dues were budgeted at $100 per quarter and our regular $170 a quarter. Both budgeted no meals for the remainder of 2020. The Board voted to continue with the regular $170 dues per quarter so as a Rotary club we can continue to do good in the world. Ed will work with a group of past presidents to continue to iron out the details.
  3. Club Dues – Dues for The Rotary year 2020-2021 will be $170 per quarter. A letter will be sent to all members explaining why we are going in this direction and the impact we hope to make with the funds.
  4. Future Fundraising – We may ask the members to fund some special requests during the upcoming Rotary year.
  5. We will purchase our own Zoom account. Ted Nesse will be the Zoom-Master.
* **Membership Report** - Laurie Cherry
  1. Club Meetings thru 2020 (Virtual) – There were several ideas to keep club members connected during this time of social distancing. Wendy Heck and Laurie will work on arranging backyard gatherings for the members. Members would bring their own chairs and beverages. We could arrange for a “Choir Practice” at a local park, Trivia contests, yard games, and other ideas that are interactive.
  2. Former Members Recruitment – Reaching out to former members to attend our Zoom meetings. Laurie will work with Margie for a list of folks to contact.
  3. Jason Hanlon, Rick Robbins and Bob Gray will explore volunteer opportunities for club members to pursue during these strange times. Roadside clean up, Valley Outreach and the Partnership Plan may provide members with a way to help.
* **Grants Committees Report (District & Club: local and non-local) -** Margie Horning
  1. Lonny gave us an overview of the Club’s district grant proposal for 2020-2021. It deals with diabetes screening in Minnesota. The grant budget is $12,000. The club will put in $3,000, we will ask other clubs to assist with $3,000 and we are asking the district for a match of foundation dollars of $6,000.
  2. Craig delivered checks of $1,000 each to Meals From the Heart and Valley Outreach. Our club and the Stillwater Rotary club put in for a district COVID-19 grant and received almost $1,800. Each club put in additional dollars to reach a total of $2,000.
  3. Lonny represented our club as a Shark at the district’s first ever Shark Tank. The Shark Tank was a way to encourage clubs who had not participated in applying for district grants for the past 3 years. Three clubs came forward and we were able to help 2 of them with a contribution/partnership of $250 each.
* **Literacy Chair Report** - Dave Waldschmidt
  1. Media project is on hold due to the COVID-19 virus.
  2. The Urban Boat project is also up in the air at this time.
* **Youth Exchange Report** - Wendy Heck
  1. No inbound student at this time
  2. We may have an outbound student – but this is not finalized at this time.
* **Foundation Report** - Lonny Stormo
  1. Our foundation giving is down from prior years.
  2. The district will address the overall decrease in Foundation giving by starting a campaign to increase giving to $400,000. Slogan will be “The Rotary Foundation’s Push for $400K to Increase our Impact” starting in June
* **Public Image Report** - Mark Fisher
  1. Mark has sent out two press releases – one highlighting STRIVE and the other one highlighting our COVID-19 grants to Valley Outreach and Meals From the Heart.
* **STRIVE Report** - Brent Voight
  1. Brent will be a speaker on the District’s Friday Feature – STRIVE Investing in Our Future
* **End Human Trafficking Report** - Jeanne Matlock – no report
* **Climate Action Team Report** - Don Schuld
  1. EV Charging Station – The Board voted to continue to support Sustainable Stillwater and their plan to install an EV Charging Station in Stillwater. The Board will consider financing the project in the future.
* **Old Business** – No Report
* **New Business** - Bob Gray
  1. Zoom account – club will purchase its own Zoom account. A big thank you to Lonny for allowing the club to utilize his company’s Zoom account.
  2. Brewers and Bourbon Bazaar status – The fundraiser will in all likely hood not take place. There was discussion of doing something special for the Brewers who are experiencing tough times. The theme was they supported us – how can we give back some support to them.
* **Upcoming Events** - All
  1. 14th Annual Brewers and Bourbon Bazaar (Sat, Oct 3rd)
* **Next Board Meeting** - Thursday, June 25, 2020, TBD