**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Minutes**

**October 24, 2019 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

**FamilyMeans Conference Room**

* **Attendees** - Bob Gray, Margie Horning, Jason Hanlon, Roger Ruetten, Wendy Heck, Dave Waldschmidt, Ed Boeve, Laurie Cherry, Jeanne Matlock, Don Schuld, Craig Leiser, Mel Sullivan and guest Robin Anthony – Stillwater chamber of Commerce and Stillwater Rotary
* **Previous Board Minutes** - Margie Horning
  1. Minutes Report – Approved minutes from September 26, 2019, with one change to the Human Trafficking area.
* **Finance Report** - Roger Ruetten
  1. Finance Report – reports presented as of October 22, 2019. All financial items looked to be in order.
* **Membership Report** - Laurie Cherry
  1. Laurie and Mike Holsten are working on starting a club networking group in the near future
  2. New club flyer is still being worked on and should be ready for printing soon
  3. Troy Bernard had to discontinue his membership due to a change in his work schedule and personal life. We will certainly miss his presence and leadership with the Brewers Bazaar raffle. We wish him well.
  4. Dave Newman transferred his membership to the Arden Hills Shoreview Rotary club. He now lives and works in that area. His FFH leadership and many other areas he helped in will be missed. We wish Dave and Francesca the best in their new community.
* **Grants Committees Report (District & Club: local and non-local) -** Margie Horning

1. Margie will email the New Brighton Mounds View Rotary asking for their $500 contribution to our dementia district grant.
2. Craig Leiser is still working on a global grant for hospital equipment in Uganda. Potential partners will be a German Rotary District.

* **Literacy Chair Report** - Dave Waldschmidt
  1. The group is working with Mary and the ALC lead teachers regarding new sources for vocational opportunities for the students. Mary at the ALC was working on an auto tech program.
  2. It is an off year for the Urban Boat Builders program. Since we sponsored that program at SAHS, Urban Boat Builders has expanded their program to 14 other schools. Posting a story on our club website and Rotary district website about the program and its impact for the students was discussed.
  3. Dave will present our library program to the Lake Elmo Rotary club to see if they would like help with volunteers.
  4. Before moving ahead with new ideas for the literacy program, Dave indicated that he always touches base with the school administrators for their ideas and a green light to proceed.
* **Youth Exchange Report** - Wendy Heck
  1. Wendy received a letter from our outbound student Catherine Halley. She is doing well and enjoying her experience. She is also trying hard to pick up the Dutch language quickly. Her letter is posted on the SSR website.
  2. We are still looking for a second host family for Jimena our student from Mexico.
* **Foundation Report** - Lonny Stormo
  1. Bob presented a club fundraising analysis for July - September. The numbers are down due to a clerical error back in June. Our club received credit for $3,000 from the Raleigh Foundation in June 2019. TRF corrected that error in August and thus the decrease in our current year funding balance.
  2. Each year in October, the SSR Board will look at club members who have donated $500 or more but have not yet reached $1,000 in donations to the foundation. The club will provide points to those members to bring them to 1000 points and their first Paul Harris recognition. The hope will be that this honor will be an incentive to continue giving to the foundation.
  3. Three members will be honored with their first Paul Harris award this year.
* **PR Report** - Mark Fisher – no report
* **STRIVE Report** - Brent Voight – no report
* **End Human Trafficking Report** - Jeanne Matlock
  1. Youth Drop-In Center – we will continue to collect donations for the center at the first meeting of each month.
  2. Human trafficking website is up and running – our club helped fund with a $150 contribution earlier this year. Three Rotary districts are involved with the project.
  3. Goal of the group is to continue to bring awareness of human trafficking – both labor and sex – to our community.
* **Climate Action Team Report** - Don Schuld
  1. The Team will continue to challenge the club with monthly activities that they can do to reduce our carbon footprint and curtail climate change
  2. Don talked about a project that the Northfield Rotary club is doing – setting up an electric charging station in Northfield. Discussion centered around the possibility of our club doing the same in Stillwater. Bob Gray will talk with Mike Polehna from the Stillwater city counsel to get input from that group as to the viability of this being accomplished. Cost is about $10,000 or more for one station.
* **Old Business** – All
  1. Stillwater Lights Holiday Display (Robin Anthony – Chamber of Commerce, Stillwater Noon) Robin presented Stillwater Lights and the goal to expand the project with more lights and displays. The group is looking for volunteers, funding and civic engagement. The Chamber’s purpose is to help bring more business to the businesses in Stillwater – especially in the winter. The Board voted to help with volunteers but not funding because of current budget restraints. She encouraged us to look at what a group of 9 Rotary clubs in or near La Crosse Wisconsin have accomplished with their project Rotary Lights.
* **New Business** - Bob Gray
  1. Halloween Parade Recap – Margie reported that the event went well. There were 605 kids, 175 seniors, 25 pep band kids, 10 dental students from the U of M, 27 Rotarians and 10-12 family members or STRIVE/AVID kids participating.
  2. Bob Gray reported that Bill Howell from The Lakes would entertain the idea of hosting our weekly meetings at the Lakes.
* **Upcoming Events** – All
  1. District 5960 One Rotary Summit, FamilyMeans (Oct 26th)
  2. Rake A Difference (Oct 26th)
  3. Holiday Party, The Lakes of Stillwater (Dec 3rd)
  4. Meals from the Heart Meal Packing (Dec 10th)
  5. Brewers Bazaar, Avalon Riverboat (May 16th)
* **Next Board Meeting** - Thursday, November 21, 2019, 7:00 AM, FamilyMeans