**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Minutes**

**November 21, 2019 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

**FamilyMeans Conference Room**

* **Attendees** - Bob Gray, Brent Voight, Roger Ruetten, Wendy Heck, Jeanne Matlock, Don Schuld, Ed Boeve, Margie Horning, Mark Fisher, Dave Waldschmidt
* **Previous Board Minutes** - Margie Horning
  1. Minutes Report – Approved minutes from October 24, 2019
* **Finance Report** - Roger Ruetten
  1. Finance Report – 11-20-2019 finances presented and discussed. All financial items looked to be in order.
  2. The Form 990-EZ for 2018 has been completed and mailed to the IRS
* **Membership Report** –
  1. Margie will email 2 members who have missed a number of meetings to check on them. Laurie Cherry will be copied on the emails.
* **Grants Committees Report (District & Club: local and non-local) -** Margie Horning
  1. The Arden Hills Shoreview Rotary club has asked for our financial assistance for their global grant WASH in Schools District 9141. The grant will provide WASH training and facilities to 5 schools in Nigeria. Each school has been adopted by a local Rotary club whose members will be providing oversight and volunteer time to the projects. A contribution of $1,000 was approved by the Board. The Stillwater Sunrise contribution will be matched by D5960 1 to 1 and by The Rotary Foundation 50 cents to the dollar. So the $1,000 will turn into a $2,500 contribution.
  2. Arba Della and Margie will be looking into a district grant for next year. They will be meeting with Kieran McNulty who does humanitarian work in Kenya.
* **Literacy Chair Report** - Dave Waldschmidt
  1. Media Center Project was recognized at the November 14, 2019, District 834 School Board meeting. Champions of the project, Dave Waldschmidt, Bob Gray, Mary Parcheta, and Lynda Halbert, were at the meeting to represent Stillwater Sunrise Rotary. Kudos to the literacy team for continuing work on such a worthwhile project.
  2. Several presentations of the media project are being lined up for January.
  3. Dave is drafting an article for the District 834 Connection to showcase the project and ask for volunteers from the community to help.
  4. Dave will check to see if photos of the students can be published.
* **Youth Exchange Report** - Wendy Heck
  1. Jimena Morales has joined the cross-country ski team at the high school
  2. The two host families will split the year because a third host family has not stepped up.
* **Foundation Report** – Bob Gray
  1. Three Paul Harris awards have been ordered
  2. To date we have donated a total of $8,725 to the Foundation. We have 25 EREY members (members who have donated some amount to the Foundation) and 18 sustaining members (members who have given at least $100 to the Foundation).
  3. Lonny has planned a Foundation program for November 26th.
* **Public Image Report** - Mark Fisher
  1. We have a tab on our Club Runner site for putting in a request for a press release.
  2. The PR Team has been working with Mary Divine from the Pioneer Press to help get our good work published.
  3. Not all press releases are published
  4. Working on getting our STRIVE/Century College scholarship match published.
  5. We need younger members or those familiar with social media to get move visibility for the good work the club does.
* **STRIVE Report** - Brent Voight
  1. STRIVE now meets once a month
  2. There are 27 mentors – both club members and community members make up the volunteer group.
  3. Kathy Ebert from Stillwater Noon Rotary has really helped with getting new mentors involved.
  4. Century College will match our STRIVE scholarships up to $3,000 per year at $1,500 per student who attends Century College.
  5. There is a recommendation for the club to set up an endowed Scholarship fund with seed money of $25,000 - $50,000.
  6. The STRIVE video needs to be dusted off and utilized to gain awareness in the business community of the program.
  7. It would be helpful to have reports on how the scholarships have helped the students achieve success. Brent will work on getting more contact information from the students so following their college/vocational education experiences will be easier to keep on top of.
  8. A STRIVE student went to Camp Enterprise. The student did all of the application work on her own. Brent will work on getting a report on her experience at Camp Enterprise.
* **End Human Trafficking Report** - Jeanne Matlock
  1. We will collect funds for the Youth Drop-In Center at our annual Holiday party.
* **Climate Action Team Report** - Don Schuld
  1. The Climate Action Team will continue to have a monthly activity to promote sustainability.
  2. Business recycling is a topic of interest – currently, most businesses do not recycle.
  3. There will be continued discussion on setting up an electric charging station in Stillwater. Discussion has been started with the City of Stillwater.
* **Old Business** – All
  1. Stillwater Lights Holiday Display – Roger Ruetten has volunteered to help with the light setup.
  2. Bridge Dinner & Hands Across Stillwater – This will be discussed further at the first Brewers and Bourbon Bazaar meeting next week.
* **New Business** - Bob Gray
  1. President-Elect Nominee – Ed Boeve put forward Wendy Heck as the nominee for president elect for the 2021-2022 Rotary year. The club will vote on this at a future meeting.
  2. Jason Hanlon is working on a club visioning session March 2020. The session would be a 4-hour commitment and involve 20-25 club members.
  3. Jim Link, a marketing guru, will be queried for strategy ideas for the club.
* **Upcoming Events** – All
  1. Holiday Party, The Lakes of Stillwater (Dec 3rd)
  2. Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Cub Foods (Dec 4th, 12th & 17th)
  3. Meals from the Heart Meal Packing (Dec 10th)
  4. Brewers Bazaar, Avalon Riverboat (May 16th)
* **Next Board Meeting** - Thursday, December 19, 2019, 7:00 AM, FamilyMeans