**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Minutes**

**December 19, 2019 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

**FamilyMeans Conference Room**

* **Attendees** - Bob Gray, Roger Ruetten, Wendy Heck, Jeanne Matlock, Don Schuld, Jason Hanlon, Mark Fisher, Dave Waldschmidt, Lonny Stormo, Laurie Cherry, Mel Sullivan
* **Previous Board Minutes** - Margie Horning
  1. Minutes Report – Approved the revised minutes from November 21, 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** – Laurie Cherry
  1. Lori is organizing a small networking group that operate business to help understand what each person is engaged in.
* **Grants Committees Report (District & Club: local and non-local) –** Bob Gray

Nothing to report

* **Literacy Chair Report** - Dave Waldschmidt
  1. Dave reported that he connected Carissa Keister. There will be an article related to this work in The Connection, which will include both schools. This may also draw in more volunteers.
* **Youth Exchange Report** - Wendy Heck
  1. Jimena Morales attended the meal packing event which was well received.
  2. Two outbound are completed – one for Hungary and Brazil.
* **Foundation Report** – Lonny Stormo
  1. Lonny reported that at the end of November, there is $8,725 against goal of $10,000, which is a similar place as last year, with up to 25 members participating.
  2. Lonny will continue to encourage members to give to the Foundation at the various meetings with the club.
* **Public Image Report** - Mark Fisher
  1. Brent and Mark are working on leveraging Strive for public relations. They are exploring this with St. Croix Valley Foundation. A small work group will be formed to help leverage the club to grow more membership.
* **STRIVE Report** – Bob Gray

Nothing to report

* **End Human Trafficking Report** - Jeanne Matlock
  1. Jeanne read a thank you note Youth Drop-In Center. The Cottage Grove has been a slower ramp up.
  2. January is “End Human Trafficking Month” and the District is promoting using a proclamation for each Club. Jeanne will be talking to the Stillwater Noon Club about this action.
* **Climate Action Team Report** - Don Schuld
  1. The team has been discussing working collaboratively with other organizations that have a similar passion for this work. This will maximize the impact of the work.
  2. EV Charging Stations - Some Rotary clubs have applied for a grant for electric charging stations, which is something that this group is exploring. The cost would be around $75,000 in total. This has gone before the parking commission about 2 years ago, but at the time it was not supported. Parking is at a premium in Stillwater, which is a detriment.
  3. Don has discussed recycling in downtown Stillwater with Sustainable Stillwater. Most local businesses do not recycle. Roger suggested that research be completed to see how it can be monetized or cost neutral for the business. The board is encouraged to continue to advocate for this important change in Stillwater.
* **Old Business** – All
  1. Visioning session has been scheduled for March 19, 2020 at Family Means. Jason will be sending out a note at the beginning of the year with the invite. This will include about 20-25 people.
  2. Stillwater Gazebo – A contract has been awarded for a group to do the study. The deadline for completion is June 1, 2020. More information will be available after that time.
* **New Business** - Bob Gray
  1. Bob reported on Board candidates. He requested that the board formally recognize Wendy Heck and her agreement to be the incoming President after Ed Boeve. The Board expressed appreciation for her leadership and willingness to serve.
* **Upcoming Events** – All
  1. Bridge Dinner & Hands Across Stillwater – May 15, 2020
  2. Brewers Bazaar, Avalon Riverboat – May 16, 2020
* **Next Board Meeting** - Thursday, January 23, 2020, 7:00 AM, FamilyMeans

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie (Mel) Sullivan