**Draft Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board Minutes**

**February 8, 2018 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

**Family Means Conference Room**

1. **Present -** Barbara Tischart, Roger Ruetten, Jason Hanlon, Laurie Cherry, Wendy Heck, Rick Heidick, Craig Leiser, Margie Horning, Mel Sullivan, Ken McGinley
2. **Previous Board Minutes -** Margie Horning
   1. Minutes Report – 01-04-18 board minutes approved. Margie will post on website
3. **Finance Report-** –Roger Ruetten
   1. Finance Report – Approved as presented
4. **Grants Committees (District, Club local and non-local) -**  Margie Horning
   1. Craig presented a request from a Rotary club/district in Turkey to fund a training program for residents with disabilities. The project will take place in Antalya Olimpos Turkey. The training program will help these folks reenter the work force. Two of our club members met the Rotarians in Turkey when they were on a Rotary Friendship Exchange. A contribution of $1,000 was approved. With the District 5960 and RI matches, the $1,000 turns into $5,500.
   2. The request to fund an operating room in Bahia Brazil that would serve economically disadvantaged seniors has been withdrawn. The project was fully funded and did not need our contribution.
   3. We received a request from the Brooklyn Center Rotary club to fund a Days for Girls global grant in Haiti. The grant funds would be used to rent facilities for the sewing centers. The board felt that training women to become seamstresses was very admirable but the details of what the grant funds would be used for would not be approved at RI. If they revise their grant request with a better business plan that would be approved by RI, we would consider their request again.
5. **Membership Report**- Laurie Cherry
   1. Laurie is planning a potluck – appetizer and cocktail event for Rotarians and spouses or significant other on Sunday February 11th – 5-7
   2. Laurie will be attending a chamber event to promote our club and Rotary
   3. Suggestions were made to forge a better relationship with the Twin City Rotaract club. We can ask them for help with our projects. Ideas like inviting them to Brewers Bazaar to help with Brewers or assist with raffle ticket sales and give them a percentage of the sales to be used for their projects. We could also look into sponsoring their projects.
   4. We will look into Rule of 35 as a way to encourage new young members. They would pay only the actual costs of membership in lieu of dues.
   5. We will review spousal memberships
6. **Youth Exchange Report** – Wendy Heck
   1. We have a student coming from Ecuador
   2. Host families can be a source for new members. We should make a real effort to invite them to Rotary meetings and social events we have.
7. **Foundation Report**- Bob Gray
   1. Craig reported that club members and the club have contributed $15,546 to the annual fund and $11,545 to polio plus.
8. **Literacy Chair Report**- Don Schuld
   1. Barbara reported that we will not fund the ALC boat project this year.
   2. We will work on getting students to attend RYLA held in late April.
9. **PR Report**- Eli/Ken/Ted/Barbara
   1. Ken and Steven will present to the Club at the February 20th meeting
   2. Some ideas to enhance our club P/R – a pop up banner that can be taken to events, business cards, twitter accounts
10. **Old Business**- Barbara Tischart
    1. We were asked to host the Israel Team coming in late April. The board voted to decline the host responsibility. We will help with events that are planned while they are in our area.
    2. Jason Hanlon has completed his slate of officers for the 2018-2019 rotary year.
    3. Just so everyone knows who is on the 2018-2019 Board, it is as follows:
       1. President - Me
       2. Past President - Barbara Tischart
       3. President-Elect - Bob Gray
       4. Treasurer - Roger Ruetten
       5. Secretary - Margie Horning
       6. Membership - Laurie Cherry
       7. Youth-Exchange - Wendy Heck
       8. Foundation - Lonny Stormo
       9. Public Image - Doug Pepin
       10. Literacy - Don Schuld
       11. Sargent-At-Arms - Rick Robbins
       12. At-Large - Mel Sullivan
       13. At-Large - Ken McGinley
11. **New Business**-
    1. Hearts and Hammers 2018 project – Rick Heidick presented the 2018 project. The cost will be $3,500. We will ask the other clubs in our area to assist with financing and working the day of the event.
    2. The board asked that the home be in the Stillwater/Lake Elmo area
12. **Upcoming Events:** 
    1. Grants Seminar 2/17 at Family Means – Dave Waldschmidt will attend.
    2. Brewer’s Bazaar 5/19 All club members are needed to make the event a success. We will promote the concept of “pick an area” you are interested in and sign up with the captain of that area

**Next Board Meeting- March 15**