**Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**October 19, 2017 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

**Family Means Conference Room**

* **Present: -** Barbara Tischart, Margie Horning, Don Schuld, Laurie Cherry, Wendy Heck, Craig Leiser, Ted Nesse, Jason Hanlon, Roger Ruetten, Eli Quiett, Bob Gray, Ken McGinley, Brent Voight, Jon Stillman, Rick Robbins,
* **Previous Board Minutes -** Margie Horning
  1. Minutes Report – 9-14-17 Minutes approved (Margie will post to website)
* **Finance Report-** –Roger Ruetten
  1. Finance Report – Financials approved as presented.
* **Grants Committees (District, Club local and non-local) -**  Margie Horning
  1. Requests to review
     1. Board approved $195 for a total of $3,195 for the SSR grant for study on runaway and homeless youth – (Received an additional commitment from the Lakeville Rotary club for $1,000 in an email dated Oct 18th.)
* **Membership Report**- Laurie Cherry
  1. Laurie is planning a fireside chat for new members sometime in November
  2. Laurie will order purple shirts from Heritage Embroidery for new members
  3. Matt Fiebelkorn was added to club membership on October 9, 2017
* **Youth Exchange Report** – Wendy Heck
  1. Elinor is doing well
  2. Will check with SAHS to check interest in students becoming outbound Rotary exchange students
  3. All three host families for Elinor have been identified
* **Foundation Report**- Bob Gray
  1. Foundation dinner November 4th – club will pay for members who have never attended a district event. All board and club members are encouraged to attend.
  2. Bob has located vendors for the EREY containers
* **Literacy Chair Report**- Don Schuld
  1. Cimarron after school program would like some volunteers for their reading program. Time may be 5 – 5:30 – Don will get more details and report at a later date
  2. The ALC program for Urban Boat Builders will start second semester
  3. Don will research new venues in Stillwater for Little Free Libraries – this may be a club project to promote literacy at home
* **PR Report**- Eli/Ken/Ted/Barbara
  1. Photos with our kids – Jason reported that we only need to post a document informing parents and other adults of their right to request that photos of their children not be posted publically.
  2. In the near future, a meeting of the PR team will be set to strategize/plan PR for Rotary and our club
  3. How to get the word out is our number one priority
  4. Steven Lefto attended the October 17th meeting and seemed interested in helping with PR and the technical aspects of website updates and weekly meeting notes.
* **President’s Report**- Barbara Tischart
* **Old Business**- Barbara Tischart
  1. Approved $200 reimbursement to Mary Parcheta for Stillwater Schools new system, Peach Jar, for Halloween Parade announcement
* **New Business**- All Board
  1. Polio Plus plans for World Polio Day October 24th –
     1. Bob Gray is getting Polio Plus Pledge cards made. The club will match each $1 donation to Polio Plus with $5 – with a maximum match of $5,000
     2. Eli offered to craft an e-mail telling members about our upcoming Pledge program
     3. Jon to provide a few statements about Polio Plus
     4. Individual speakers will talk about what Polio Eradication means to them:
     5. Rick will prompt the group with contributions and collect the pledge cards. No fines, instead contribute to Polio Eradication. Rick will give the pledge cards/cash to Roger who will bill the pledge in the next dues cycle.
     6. This will be a one-day event
  2. We will explore Branding Opportunities in Stillwater. Some suggestions were adopting the Stillwater Gazebo with Noon Club as Rotary Gazebo, enhancing the entrance to the old lift bridge, update the fishing pier etc.
  3. Craig discussed 2 group Cultural Exchanges with Germany and Israel in the spring of 2018. We will explore interest in our club hosting members of the exchange while they are in the Stillwater area. Applications for the outbound exchanges will be available to D5960 Rotarians in the neat future.
* **Upcoming Events:** 
  1. Halloween Parade – October 25
  2. Rake-A-Difference – October 28
  3. Pot Luck at Laurie Cherry’s home
  4. Holiday Party – December 12

**Next Board Meeting- set date for November 16, 2017 – 7 AM at Family Means**