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

**November 16, 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, Roger Ruetten, Rich Cummings
* **Previous Board Minutes -** Margie Horning
	1. Minutes Report –10-19-17 Minutes approved (Margie will post to website)
* **Finance Report-** –Roger Ruetten
	1. Finance Report – approved as presented
* **Grants Committees (District, Club local and non-local) -**  Margie Horning
	1. Board approved a contribution of $1,000 to the Rochester Risers Rotary club’s global grant in Guatemala. The grant will provide gardens for 70 families. Each family will be educated and trained on proper garden methods. The families will receive ongoing support with their gardens. The gardens are expected to improve the nutrition of the families – especially the children. The grant will also include the beginning and follow-up statistics on the health of the families with the gardens.
	2. Brett is presenting Family Resource with our check for $10,000 for the Runaway and Homeless Youth project. Lake Elmo, New Brighton/Mounds View, Stillwater Noon and Lakeville supported our grant with $3,750 in contributions.
* **Membership Report**- Laurie Cherry
	1. Chris Hilgers terminated his membership because of family commitments. Laurie will send him a note letting him know that if circumstances change, he is more than welcome to rejoin. He will also be welcome to participate in any of our fund raisers or service projects.
	2. Steven Lefto is a new member. He will be helping with our PR, newsletter and other communications in lieu of dues.
* **Youth Exchange Report** – Wendy Heck
	1. Elinor is doing well
	2. There are 6 students interested in an outgoing exchange
* **Foundation Report**- Bob Gray
	1. Roger sent in all the contributions to Polio Plus and many of us received a confirmation from RI
	2. To promote Foundation awareness, we will use 20 placards with information on grants at the next meeting. The idea will be to highlight what our donations to the foundation accomplish with the variety of grant ideas used to continue doing good in the world.
* **Literacy Chair Report**- Don Schuld
	1. Don will explore an opportunity to start a reading time at Cimarron. The program will emphasize reading for pleasure. It will be for ½ hour each week with the lower elementary kids in the drop-in after school program.
* **PR Report**- Eli/Ken/Ted/Barbara /Steve Lefto
	1. PR team meeting for setting a strategy/plan, 11/22
* **President’s Report**- Barbara Tischart
* **Old Business**- Barbara Tischart
	1. Rich Cummings reported the recommendation from Committee on Mary Jo Weingarten Endowment was to discontinue donating to the fund on an annual basis. We are asking for more input from the Partnership Plan on the awarded projects. Bev Petrie will come each year to update our club on the endowment and the awards given that year. The committee wanted to keep the MJW Endowment idea alive but plan to revitalize it with club funds going directly to new projects or programs.
	2. Halloween Parade Review – Jason Hanlon will get a committee of Sunrise Rotarians to meet with Boutwells to discuss ways we can still sponsor the event but defray the cost to Boutwells or another source.
* **New Business**- All Board
	1. Suggestion of adopting the Stillwater Gazebo or other Stillwater park, etc. with Noon Club as Rotary project update – We will continue to explore opportunities to promote awareness of Rotary in Stillwater.
* **Upcoming Events:**
	1. Bell Ringing for Salvation Army – Nancy Lyner
	2. Holiday Party – December 12

**Next Board Meeting- set date for January 4, 2018**