MINUTES OF THE MILWAUKEE NORTH SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB. FEB. 13, 2010

In attendance: President Willie Hart, Lynda Conyers, Diane Beckley, George Matthews, Greg Williams, and Buzz Althoen

The meeting opened with a relaxed internal Pledge of Allegiance and 4 way test.

A fun relaxed breakfast followed with fun conversation, some pertaining to the “old days”.

Club business:

President Willie Hart brought up the concept of the 4th Grade Essay Contest which had been discussed last week at the board meeting when Buzz passed out all of the necessary materials used in past functions. She felt that we might have a 5th grade contest this year and has already approached various teachers and teachers in three schools on the possibility. Buzz gave some of the history of the project and how it has come to be what it is now with any where from 150 to 300 entries from many schools in the north shore and one from the College Prep school, formerly Lloyd Street school. Lynda and Greg mentioned that it might be appropriate to have a committee meet and work out a plan for the following: 4th or 5th grade contest, continue with north shore schools or work with city schools only, what type of prizes will be used such as the canoe/kayak ride and the breakfast in June, and set a time line for how we would implement a plan we can use. All of these things need to be approved by the club at a club assembly.

It was also mentioned that March has 4 Thursdays and that attendance is very slow during that month. We need to decide what dates we will meet on in March.

We need to submit possibly Unsung Hero candidates so we can select one for our spring dinner along with selecting a place and time to hold the dinner.

Buzz noted that Julia Means was delighted to receive close to $200 worth of diapers last week. She is always delighted to receive these for Blanket of Love.

Buzz brought up the fact that Dennis Johnson, who we have worked with for more than eight years, has had a stroke and will be at the Veterans Hospital for at least another month. He is in charge of Veterans Services located at St. John’s Lutheran Church in West Milwaukee on 55th and Greenfield and is the heart and soul of that organization. Buzz has visited him this week along with Jim and Mary LaCharite of the Fox Point Farmers market. Dennis will no longer be in charge of obtaining food or the pantry and others will step up to run it with changes coming up. Hopefully, he will be able to supervise the garden section the Veterans have on 6th and Howard on the south side.

Buzz’s number came up and he drew a blue marble. Next week there will be three blue marbles and one white one for a prize of $24.

Respectfully submitted, Buzz Althoen, secretary pro tem.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb. 20th Brett Bennett- His organization provides eyeglasses to needy people in Tanzania, Africa.

Feb. 27th: Possible talke by Toni White of the After hours club meeting in Bay Shore. Also many things to consider in a club assembly.

March meetings: To be decided.