

## **Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board of Directors Meeting Minutes July 22, 2011**

In attendance: Dave Newman, Rick Robbins, Bob Rupp, Mike Cavallaro, Ken McGinley, Jason Hanlon, Mark Fisher, Roger Ruetten, Shari Clifford, Val Fisher, Dave Langer, Arba-Della Beck, Brent Voight

President Mark Fisher called his first Board meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

The Board approved the May meeting minutes as submitted.

The Board reviewed and approved the re-writing of the Club Bylaws, coordinated by Orwin Carter.

The Board empowered Roger to move all bank accounts to banks represented by members of the Club.

The Board approved the year-end financials for 2010-11 as shared by Roger.

Mark highlighted the District Governor's year end report that showed annual giving from our Club members to the Foundation of \$8,692 compared to a goal of \$5,830, weekly attendance of 82%, and growing membership from 53 to 56 members. Our Club's giving for Fast for Hope at \$2,500 and Polio Plus at \$4,875 represents the highest in both categories in the District.

The Board approved the 2011-12 budget as presented and amended with changes in the STRIVE and Grants to the Community lines. The projected 2011-2012 Revenues are less than 2010-2011 mostly due to not conducting Golf Event this fall, but the budget is balance. We currently have one year's expenses held in cash reserve and intend to maintain that this year.

Jason Hanlon and Mark presented a "scorecard" Jason created that will be used to track progress toward meeting Club goals in the areas determined by the visioning process completed this past winter. The lead member in each vision program area discussed for the Board their goals for the year:

Pete spoke at Tuesday's meeting about the Club's goal of 100% Club member participation in giving to the Rotary Foundation, Every Rotarian Every Year. The Board encourages Pete to schedule regular mentions and explanations of the Foundation for the Club at Tuesday meetings, along with the annual Foundation presentation prior to Foundation month in November. Pete intends to track progress for the Club toward the 100% EREY goal visually, with something like a giving thermometer to be seen by members each week.

Val Fisher shared our STRIVE goal of increasing the number of participating students by five and requested the Board increase her budget by \$1,000 to increase the scholarship funds which have not been raised in several years. The Board approved that request and instructed Roger to make the change accordingly.

Dave Langer will work with Barbara Tischart on the Halloween event, creating a better plan for providing candy for the event without having to go out and purchase candy with sponsorship dollars.

Dave L. shared his vision for a casual, non-fundraising golf event this fall for the Club to invite various school district officials and teachers who've demonstrated an ethic, commitment to Rotary and to their profession in the spirit of Mary Jo Weingarten, furthering the mutual commitment between the district and the Club in her memory.

Dave Newman shared International Service goals for the year: continue to lead the District in Fast For Hope contributions and to support an international project each year.

Ken McGinley intends to grow the Public Relations team this year to give he and Bob support and assistance to capitalize on PR opportunities that are currently being missed. Bob and Ken do a superb job, but the opportunities are many more than two members can handle.

Mike Cavallaro outlined the Club's goal of proposing annually a project for a district matching grant. He and Arba-Della have proposed a project that has been accepted for the Club to work with FamilyMeans to provide weekend meals to students in the Cimarron and Landfall neighborhoods throughout the summer months. The project is in the application phase and is moving forward. The Board added the necessary funds for the project to the grants line in the budget.

Stillwater Sunrise was chosen to participate in Rotary's Innovative and Flexible Rotary Club Pilot Program. This program explores letting Club's determine for themselves their operations to fit better with the needs of their members and the community in the area of meeting logistics, leadership, membership qualifications and member engagement over weekly attendance. Bob Gray will be leading the Club's effort for this program.

Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:28 a.m.