

## **Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Board of Directors Meeting Minutes December 6<sup>th</sup> 2011**

*Present: Mark Fisher, Orwin Carter, Rick Robbins, Brent Voight, Craig Leiser, Janis Donnelly, Roger Ruetten, Dave Langer, Ken McGinley, Bob Gray, Curt Geissler, Judy Freund*

Minutes from the September meeting were approved as submitted.

The Board approved via email last week, and voted again to approve during this meeting, a \$2,000 contribution to the Street Aid Strategic Planning and Capacity Building effort in Ghana, led by the New Brighton/Mounds View Rotary Club and assisted by Austin, Fridley/Columbia Heights and our Club. We have budgeted \$3,500 for international grants.

President Mark referenced the financial reports Treasurer Roger provided via email prior to the meeting. Due to the primary focus of this meeting being the visit by District Governor Judy Freund (Hudson Daybreak) and Assistant District Governor Curt Geissler (Stillwater Noon). Financials will be more closely looked at and approved at the January Board meeting.

The Board approved the plan to implement the mentoring program as part of the New Generations pilot program as set up by Mark and Bob beginning June 1, 2012.

District Governor Judy Freund shared information from and about the District with the Board. She informed us of the changes to the Presidential Citation for this Rotary Year, including the expectation that every Rotarian in the Club be giving to the Foundation (EREY) and that membership retain at 85% and net membership be up one member (both of which we satisfy).

DG Freund encouraged the Club to energize the Club's activities in the community, commended us for our pilot club status for New Generations, and encouraged members to attend the Mid Term Conference January 14.

DG Freund had a conversation with Board members centered around four questions:

1. Why do people join our Club?
2. Why do people stay in our Club?
3. What does the Club do well?
4. How is Stillwater Sunrise Rotary relevant to our community?

Good conversation followed.

President Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:45.

Submitted by Secretary Brent Voight 12/6/2011