**Minutes**

**Merced Sunrise Rotary**

**Board Meeting of January 6, 2016**

**Meeting convened at 5:45 PM**

**Members Present: Mike Cuchna. Dortha Chu, Theresa Cesar, Cathy Paskin, Rich Miller, Tim O’Neill**

**Members Absent: Bob Casey, Mark Lutz, Stuart Rawling, Betsy Donovan**

**Guests Present: Ross Simonet, Bud Gantney**

**Approval of Agenda: M/S/C Theresa, Dortha**

**Approval of Minutes of 8/10 M/S/C Theresa, Tim**

**Leadership Reports**

**President: Cathy entertained a motion to recommend that Dewayne Young, a proposed new member, proceed to the orientation committee. M/S/C Rich, Dortha. A discussion was held regarding the bylaws as they relate to the protocol for processing new members. No consensus. Cathy expressed a concern at the absence of the Youth Director given his absence and the prospect of the speech contest on January 29th that will be held at the club level. She announced that the Area 8 contest will be sponsored by North Merced Club on February 16th at the Elks Club. Cathy also announced that any proposed resolutions for the District Conference be expedited to meet time constraints. In the midst of a discussion about the order for tee shirts circulated by District Secretary, Rich suggested that the District give due consideration to local vendors rather than third party vendors out of the area. Rich reported that major raffles are now legal thereby enabling us to offer a $1,000 cash prize. Members would be asked to sell tickets @ $25 for the raffle. Considerable discussion followed. The consensus was to let Bob Casey proceed in the manner he has chosen, i.e. to ask each member to donate $50 toward the purchase of raffle prizes.**

**Vice President: Absent**

**President-Elect: Absent**

**Treasurer: Rich elaborated on the material that he passed out to the board. He encouraged every board member to question him on any item that was not clear. Reports are based on the approved budget. Treasurer needs to know from what category money is being spent. He recommended that deposits made by one person. Many deposits have been made but source of income was not identified. Some discussion followed regarding reports in the hands of the board members. Rich proposed 66% be reserved for major projects from the Field of Honor income, 34% for other projects. More discussion followed. Ross said no one has proposed a major project. Ultimately the board will have to decide to what projects allocations are made and what amounts are applied thereto. His opinion was to let the funding committee make a finding and recommendation, then the board can take it under advisement. Cathy asked for input from finance committee so that she can present it to the funding committee meeting on Friday.**

**Rich announced that the Marble game can be resurrected thanks to recent legislation. Per Tim, seconded by Rich (as amended) whether or not to reinstate the Marble game will be taken to the club on Friday for a vote.**

**Rich announced that the Audit committee was apprised in writing of protocol to be used for the upcoming audit.**

**Regarding Paul Fregene, who has been terminated, no letter requesting a leave has yet been received.**

**Secretary: No report**

**Activity Reports (Charities)**

**Community: Dortha reported that the recent homeless dinner was very successful. She has talking to Michelle about the Boys and Girls club that is seeking funds for the teen lounge and that she may come back with something more concrete at a later date. Tim suggested that a plaque be put up to recognize the donors for the project. $1500 is available that has not been allocated to a specific purpose. Dortha is considering an outing for middle school children to attend a theater event. Tim elaborated as to possibly getting high school history students and veterans involved thereby enabling the club to use Field of Honor money. Dortha will talk to Mark and Michelle about the concept.**

**Vocational: Fine Line is being considered for a vocational meeting on one of the Fridays in February. If and when it is arranged, we would meet at Tim’s business next door. Bud is working on making arrangements for a vocational meeting at Merced Screw and said he would have information by Friday. Kellogg’s Supply is also a possibility. Thirsty Thursdays still pending. 1st Thursday in February and March. Sponsor is pending. We will continue to award Vocational Education scholarships to two worthy students at Merced College by reimbursing expenses @ $500 each for the two students.**

**International: Clarification was provided to Theresa as to how she should handle the $1,000 currently budgeted for Polio Plus. Re: Hearts of fire, Rich advised there is no need to make a request to the club given that it is budgeted as a line item. Re: Global grants: Pakistan is too controversial to present it at the Merced theater. Theresa reported that we need $4,000. Dennis has asked for a $4,000 donation from the hospital. Outcome of his request is pending. Two alternatives are available depending on whether or not the hospital makes donation. The film needs to be seen. How to see it remains a question. Theresa announced that March 19 this world water day. 2,000 Water kits will be built. North Merced has already subscribed and will help. Rotaract will be asked to help.**

**Club Service: Mike reported that the Bylaw Committee recommendations have been drafted but that the document is only half done. Bylaws for charities is also needed. Proposals will be emailed to board members before next meeting for consideration. The Finance Committee, members Rich, Mike Altomare and Pope reports that several things need examination, e.g. reimbursement to nonmembers. Per Treasurer, we are living beyond our means. May need an increase in dues. A discussion followed concerning possible amounts, maybe $50 per year. Marble game may mitigate some or possibly all of the need. Tim asked about charging charities for administrative functions in operations. Galen will follow up with CPA Bob Davis. To get kids to the Field of Honor, can we solicit various local vendors to fund transportation costs. Mike shared list of various local vendors that are potential donors.**

**Youth: Rich reported that we had 79 kids for clothes for kids. In the future, Love INC needs to be contacted to smooth over the operation*.***

**Other Business: Field of Honor funding was discussed previously. City street renaming was deferred due to Stuart’s absence.**

**Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 10th**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM M/S/C Galen, Tim**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Galen Chastain**

**Secretary**