

Rotary



**Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise &
Merced Sunrise Rotary Club Charity**
Zone 26, District 5220, Area 8, Club 22798
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Date: May 15, 2019
Time: 6:00PM
Location: Doncaster Court, Merced
Roll Call:

Officer	Title/Charge	Present	Absent
Mike Cuchna	President		X
Pope Lawrence	President Elect	X	
Doug Forte	Vice President	X	
Mike Altomare	Past President	X	
Eric Moore	Secretary	X	
Robert McGhee	Treasurer	X	
Director			
Ruth Alejo	Community		X
Steve Hobbs	Vocational	X	
Sam Traina	Club	X	
Regina Cherf	International		X
Butch Hughes	Youth		X
Chair			
Alan Arnold	Membership		X
Donald Barclay	Foundation		X
Nancy Edmiston/ Dwayne Young	Field of Honor		X X

Guests: N/A

Reference: General Monthly Board Meeting

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Pope.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** N/A

3. **Approval of April 17, 2019 Board Minutes: [Duly Modified]** M/S/C,
Robert/Doug/Aye.

4. Leadership Reports.

A. President (Acting).

1. Grant Requests.

- a. **Merced Theatre.** In Mike C absence, Pope brought an additional \$1,000 request to the Board submitted through the Club website. Pope disclosed that his wife is on the grantee's board too. This is in addition to a prior \$1,000 grant already funded - \$2,000. The funds will be used to update the Theatre marque. Unspent budgets can be used next month per Mike C. M/S/C Doug/Sam/Aye.
- b. **Kids' Discovery Center.** Pope brought the Board information on a larger project. The project is in the early planning stages. The matter is tabled pending more information and clarification.

2. **Westamerica Bank Account.** Pope brought updated signatures cards to the Board to execute for the current fiscal year. The Club maintains one "operations" bank account and the Charity maintain two – one for granting and one for international transfers. New cards will be updated in July with new signers with the new fiscal year.

3. **Future Board/Committee Chairs.** Pope is finalizing his Board and Chairs for next year. A final vote will be made in July.

4. **Directors, Chairs and Budgets.** Pope and Mike C reviewed how effectively various Directors spend their budgets this last year. The concern is how to be effective in engaging community needs while at the same time communicating with established groups for already allocated funds. There is a balance between informed Directors, entitled grantees, absent or defunct grantees and grantees willing, able and interested in sharing their prior year's work at Club programs. Current contact information and formal grant applications are a useful tool to keep all stakeholders involved. Mike A suggested Director training based upon expected fundraising. Directors need to feel empowered. Everyone on the Board made insightful comments.

B. **Treasurer.** No Report.

C. **Secretary.** No Report.

D. Immediate Past President.

1. **Kick-Out Party.** Mike A has July 5 at the Lake Yosemite Yacht Club selected. The July 5 morning breakfast will be dark, but the kick-out party will serve as that week's meeting.

E. **President Elect.** No Report.

F. **Vice President.** No Report.

G. **Club Service.** No Report.

H. **International Service.** No Report.

I. **Youth Service.**

1. **N/S Football Classic Grant.** Mike A proposed to increase the Club's grant for the Bob Green North/South Football Classic scholarship up to \$4,000 using his unspent budget – if Mike C wants to. M/S/C, Mike A/Robert/Aye.
2. **N/S Football Classic.** Steve is organizing ticketing volunteers for the June 22 event.

J. **Vocational Services.**

1. **Run for the Fallen.** Steve is coordinating with a Run organizer to manage the event in tandem with Field of Honor. The Sunday morning (November 10th) is the anticipated Run date. Initial MFOH setup will commence Friday morning, November 9, running thru the week of Veterans Day. A name change of the Run event is possible. MFOH Chair(s) need to be formalized.

K. **Community Service.**

1. **MFOH Grant Request - Merced HS – Individual First Aid Kits (IFAK) Deployment.** This \$6,500 request is for 100 IFAK to treat mass-shooting casualties and related training. The request was proffered by MPD Officer serving Merced HS. Based upon new information, Mike C will work with Kurt to review the project. The item is tabled. M/S/C, Doug/Eric/Aye.
2. **Yosemite NP/Nature Bridge.** Pope updated the Board on this \$14,000 item already funded in 2017, but postponed due to regional wildfires. The project is scheduled to commence in August 2019. The Board issued a one year extension, else returning the grant. No action was necessary.

Pope closed the meeting.

5. **Next Meeting Date:** June 12, 2019

6. **Meeting adjourned:** 7:21 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

/Eric A. Moore

Secretary

June 7, 2019