

Rotary



**Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise &
Merced Sunrise Rotary Club Charity
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Date: November 20, 2018
Time: 6:00PM
Location: Guinevere Court, Merced
Roll Call:

Officer	Title/Charge	Present	Absent
Mike Cuchna	President	X	
Pope Lawrence	President Elect	X	
Tanya Price	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	
VACANT	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: NA

Reference: General Monthly Board Meeting

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Mike C.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** M/S/C, Pope/Eric/Aye.
- 3. Approval of October 18, 2018 Board Minutes:** M/S/C, Eric/Pope/Aye.
- 4. Leadership Reports.**

A. President.

1. **Nuevo Latino Rotary Club of Winton.** Mike C mentioned the Area 8 DG (Stuart) claimed the club had \$8,000 in debts incurred since the club's 2013 inception and was operating under some \$1,000/year payment plan to resolve. Since their club fundraisers continue to struggle, it was hoped Area club's could come to this club's financial aid. Eric asked what "debts" existed after five years of existence. No information was available. No direct communication came from the club. Mike C suggested Stuart address the Board directly to learn more, or the club President per the Club's grant process.
2. **Paul's Place Cabinetry.** Mike C stated the project is moving forward after the prior minor increase in funding and the approval of the new owner. Alan is supervising the work.
3. **Christmas Party.** The December 8 party is in full swing.
4. **Merced Police Department Grant Request.** A MPD Lieutenant requested \$10,000 for communication equipment to be used by the department's SWAT team. The request may fall under the Field of Honor grant process. Mike A will learn more. It was remarked that the MPD is not a non-profit, yet the application stated so. More information is forthcoming.
5. **Honorary Members.** Mike C mentioned Alan's nomination to the membership floor for a special Field of Honor volunteer to become an honorary member. Ruth mentioned that another special volunteer should have been nominated based upon a prior discussion with Nancy – the Field of Honor Chair. The Board and Club will reconvene to otherwise induct two special members in the near future for their acts of service.
6. **Hope Haven Grant Request.** Mike C told the Board of a pending request from this internationally recognized wheelchair non-profit. More information will be forthcoming.

B. Treasurer. No report.

C. Secretary.

1. **Bylaws.** Eric stated there is an intrinsic need to bring synergy between the "Club" and "Charity" organizations in terms of decision making and execution. The Board will explore best practices with attorney review in the coming year in addition to addressing invoicing and membership types. The Board will explore identifying an attorney to join the Club or provide consistent counsel.

D. Immediate Past President.

1. **CASA Literary Project.** Mike A offered a general \$1,000 grant motion to build a lending library for children under the care of CASA. This project is expanding and will work with the CASA board to formalize. M/S/C Mike A, Pope, Aye.
2. **Rotary Community Corp.** RI has a program called Community Corp that is used internationally more so than the US, wherein Rotary forms local cadre of volunteers not paying normal Rotary dues, but acting as strict volunteers. Eric mentioned any club forming a Corp gets “a point” toward the annual Rotary Citation. Ruth will liaise with former Rotaractors to build this organization. Mike A will discuss the matter with the District/Zone to understand formal organizational needs. The central purpose is to bring and build “People of Action” into the Rotary family and Merced community, but without the historic cost – leading them to become Rotarians later in life.

E. President Elect.

1. **Shrimp Feed.** Pope used the prior year's organization to begin the process to find workers and tasks. Pope also analyzed prices and lottery needs for this year's event. The Board discussed at length and will raise ticket price to \$50, with no extra raffle. Each ticket sold will enter a present buyer to enter a \$1,000 door prize. This is an adjustment from prior years. The matter will be brought before the membership and without any objection will be used going forward. The Club is facing normal inflation since it has not raised prices in many years (\$40 since at least 2012) and the event is the cheapest fundraiser in the region for years. There exist certain State hurdles to be in compliance with in addition to strict financial considerations. The central purpose of the change is to make the event fair, fun and affordable to all. Gross income is not expected to be materially impacted. M/S/C Mike A, Mike C, Aye.

F. Vice President. No Report.

G. Club Service - VACANT POSITION

H. Youth Service.

1. **Clothes for Kids.** Butch selected December 8 for the annual event. Ruth has some volunteer groups participating, but many groups are less active this year. Minors are not allowed to work Clothes for Kids. Other UC student organizations – not just Rotaract - is another source of volunteers.

I. Vocational Services.

1. **2019 Run for the Fallen.** Steve reached out to experienced area race organizer Alfonso Garcia about next year's event in tandem with Field of Honor. The prospects and related costs look promising.

J. International Service.

1. **Merced Marching 100 Grant Request.** Gina (absent) told Mike C that the Merced Marching 100 (Merced Union HS band, but separately incorporated???) was seeking a \$500 grant to support their activities. Mike C

was not sure if this is for Field of Honor work or community grant. Eric suggested any grant request use the website so that all criteria and needs were fully understood by the Board and that a primary point of contact was known. The Board is eager to support this group.

K. Community Service.

1. **Salvation Army Bell Ringing.** Ruth suggested polling the Club about realistic participation in December. Last year the Club performed an eight hour shift, but with several members not showing up creating problems. A sign-up sheet will go around to ensure enough members can cover the volunteer event. The Club may only cover a four hour shift if response is limited.

Mike C closed the meeting.

5. **Next Meeting Date:** TBD (No meeting in December.)

6. **Meeting adjourned:** 7:07 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

/Eric A. Moore
Secretary
December 31, 2018