

# Rotary



**Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise &  
Merced Sunrise Rotary Club Charity  
Zone 26, District 5220, Area 8, Club 22798  
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**Date:** April 17, 2019  
**Time:** 6:00PM  
**Location:** Guinevere Court, Merced  
**Roll Call:**

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Title/Charge</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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	
<b>Director</b>			
Ruth Alejo	Community		X
Steve Hobbs	Vocational		X
Sam Traina	Club		X
Regina Cherf	International	X	
Butch Hughes	Youth	X	
<b>Chair</b>			
Alan Arnold	Membership		X
Donald Barclay	Foundation		X
Nancy Edmiston/ Dwayne Young	Field of Honor		X X

**Guests:** Karla Seijas

**Reference:** General Monthly Board Meeting

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Mike C.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** M/S/C, Robert/Butch/Aye.
- 3. Approval of March 20, 2019 Board Minutes:** M/S/C, Eric/Robert/Aye.
- 4. Leadership Reports.**

**A. President.**

**1. Grant Requests.**

- a. **US Navy Recruiting – Pocket Constitutions.** Tabled.
  - b. **Merced PD – SWAT Communications.** In Ruth's absence the matter was tabled.
  - c. **Disabled American Veterans, Chapter #31 – Holiday/Summer Scholarships Banquet.** Mike C asked Karla to clarify the grant request. The request is to otherwise sponsor a free meal and federal benefit information for regional veterans and their families. Karla considered the event one of the better enduring support activities in the area. The Board discussed the \$1,000 request for this Atwater based non-profit. M/S/C, Eric/Robert/Aye.
  - d. **Merced Youth Soccer Association (MYSA).** Butch was hesitant to support this \$6,000 request based upon how presented. The MYSA is considered well run. The thought was grant monies would be used to support indigent youth soccer participation – fees and uniforms, but there was no idea on costs per child or number served. Also coach training. The Board considered granting \$1,000 - \$100 fees for 10 kids. The item was Tabled.
  - e. **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. More information is needed if this a single HS or the entire District. This is another government budget issue as well. The item is tabled.
  - f. **Nuevo Latino Rotary Club of Winton.** Tabled.
  - g. **Merced HS Golf Tournament/Fundrasier.** The general event is to support Merced HS athletics – long term a sports stadium. At issue is how to support the event while not benefiting. A motion was carried to sponsor with \$300 at beverage station and a green, but not purchase tables or pay green fees for members at the Country Club. M/S/C, Gina/Pope/Aye.
- 2. Sweeping Unused Budgeted Monies.** Mike C will make every effort to deploy allocated monies to budgeted parties. Directors have responsibility to make contact with and coordinate with grantees about needs. Mike C anticipates sweeping unused monies toward the Bob Green North South Football Classic and related scholarships for FY19 – estimated \$2,500.

**B. Treasurer.** Robert announced he would resign as official Treasurer, but will split/share the role with others.

**C. Secretary.** No Report.

**D. Immediate Past President.** No Report.

**E. President Elect.**

1. **FY20 Board.** Pope announced Cristian will be Treasurer for the next year with split/shared roles. Other appointments are forthcoming.

2. **Shrimp Feed.** Pope estimated net proceeds to be \$40,000 with 607 paid tickets.

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

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

H. **International Service.**

1. **Kiva Micro-Finance.** Gina met with Theresa to learn more about Kiva spoke of the Kiva micro-finance program, The Club deployed \$1,800 over the years with a 2% default rate. Gina requests another \$500 for this and next year. Gina is also making plans for her departure later in the year. Gina would like more people to be involved and make decisions.
2. **The Peace Pole Project.** Gina received notice from this intentional organization that 10 tress will be planted in the name Bob Hobbs on the African Continent due to the Club's Peace Pole project. A certificate was issued and will be placed on the Club website.

I. **Youth Service.**

Butch made comments about the All Star Junior Baseball Tournament and fundraiser. The Club buys meat for the event. Butch also has budget for related scholarships. Gina is also in need to Interact support during her deployment. Robert G may step up.

J. **Vocational Services.** No Report.

K. **Community Service.**

1. **Peace Pole Update.** Mike C provided updates on the final dedication. Seven Rotarian were present at the dedication. Cristain did a marvelous job coordinating with Gina, Kurt and Interact to build a lasting monument to local and international Peace. Peace pins were issued to students and participants. The dedication was attended by the Mayor Mike Murphy and Merced County Commissioner Lee Lor.

Mike C closed the meeting.

5. **Next Meeting Date:** May 15, 2019

6. **Meeting adjourned:** 7:14 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

/Eric A. Moore

Secretary

May 13, 2019