

Rotary



**Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise &
Merced Sunrise Rotary Club Charity
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Date: January 16, 2019
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: 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, Mike A/Butch/Aye.
- 3. Approval of November 20, 2018 Board Minutes:** M/S/C, Eric/Robert/Aye.
- 4. Leadership Reports.**

A. **President.**

1. **Field of Honor Funded Grants.** Mike C had a request to generate a lifetime list of Field of Honor grants. The Club funded \$77,667 in grants to local veterans, active military and first responder groups over the last six years. There is an inherent need to communicate the project's success to new and current sponsors, RI and the public on its impact and value. The Club intends of taking the information and updating marketing materials and public relations. Additionally, the Board spoke broadly about how to meet the needs of local first responders – specifically local government making requests for funding. More information is forthcoming.
2. **Field of Honor Grant Requests.**
 - a. **Blue Star Moms – Care Package Postage.** Mike C informed the Club of a request to cover postage under \$1,000 for active duty military care-packages. The Club supported similar requests in the past. M/S/C, Mike A/Robert/Aye.
 - b. **Blue Star Moms – Wreaths Across America.** Mike C informed the Club of a request to cover a \$1,000 Wreath Across America expense for fallen military. The Club supported similar requests in the past. M/S/C, Pope/Robert/Aye.
 - c. **Merced Running Club – Run for the Fallen.** Mike C informed the Club of a \$1,000 request to support the 2019 Run for the Fallen for a second year. The Club supported similar requests in the past. M/S/C, Robert/Gina/Aye.
 - d. **US Navy Recruiting Office – Pocket US Constitutions.** Mike C mentioned the Club was requested by the local Office to supply pocket US Constitutions as a supplement to their operations. The expense is listed to be less than \$500. A motion was heard to table the item until more information is obtained. M/S/C, Pope/Eric/Aye.
 - e. **Merced Police Department/SWAT – Tactical Communications.** This \$10,000 request for tactical communication equipment was submitted last year. The Club is searching for a method to meet the needs of first responders, but with the active guidance of command and incorporation of government budgets. At issue is understanding why officers' needs are unfunded and unmet. The Board will make every effort to learn more directly from the Chief of Police, whereas the original grant request came from a junior officer. A motion was heard to table the item until more information is obtained. M/S/C, Mike A/Pope/Aye.
3. **General Grant Requests.**
 - a. **Martin Luther King Jr Committee - 23rd Annual March.** Mike C informed the Board of a \$1,000 request to support the annual March, which is coming this weekend. This is an un-budgeted request. Considering the historic increase, un-budgeted amount and extreme short

notice, the Board voted to consider the matter for next year and not fund this year. The Club should have a presentation first. M/S/C, Mike A/Robert/Aye.

- b. **Friends of Sober Grad Nite – Sober Grad Nite 2019.** Mike C brought this matter to the Board. After some discussion and research it was discovered the Board formally approved \$1,000 at a Special Meeting held September 28, 2018. The grantee received their check in October 2018. The request is believed to have already been funded.
 4. **Club Bylaws Update – Family Membership Appendix.** Mike C brought certain suggestions from Alan and the Membership Committee regarding a formal Family Membership program. Pope suggested adding the Family membership rules and costs on the Club website as a short term fix. Long term these items need to be incorporated into a revised bylaws and organization structure. The Club will adopt a program, but after additional discussion the final matter was tabled for a detailed cost comparison. M/S/C, Mike A/Butch/Aye.
- B. **Treasurer.** Robert issued mid-year invoices. Mike C presented the Board with a financial report and budget. Mike A suggested the Club split Treasurer duties during Club meetings.
- C. **Secretary.**
1. **New Prospective Member.** Eric asked the Board to approve a prospective member nominated by Robert Garcia to move to the Membership Committee for interview. M/S/C, Eric, Butch, Aye.
- D. **Immediate Past President.**
1. **CASA Literary Project – Library Books.** Mike A updated the Board on the \$1,000 grant for books. A CASA board member is selecting titles.
 2. **Rotary Community Corp.** Ruth, Gina and former Rotaractors will meet soon.
- E. **President Elect.**
1. **Shrimp Feed.** Planning meetings are scheduled for January, February and March. FFA is planning to volunteer. Rotaract is down operationally. The Club raised ticket prices \$10, but included all in the \$1,000 raffle. There may be a consideration to increase more-smaller prizes. March 21, 2020 is the next scheduled date at the Fair Grounds for next year, but an effort will be made to adjust if necessary.
- F. **Vice President.** No Report.
- G. **Club Service - VACANT POSITION**
- H. **Youth Service.**

1. **Speech Contest.** Steve is in charge. January 25 is scheduled.
2. **Clothes for Kids.** Butch wants to bring in a speaker to talk about the success of the project. The project cost approximately \$11,300 with a \$15,000 budget. Butch motioned renaming the event "Rich Miller's Clothes for Kids." M/S/C, Butch, Robert, Aye.

I. **Vocational Services.** No Report.

J. **International Service.**

1. **Project Updates.** Gina dispersed \$1,000 to Hearts Afire and \$500 for the Kiva micro-finance project. Gina needs access to the on-line resources.
2. **Baja Mexico Beach Clean-up Project.** The Club is trying to figure-out how to deploy funds into Mexico at low cost. "Not Enough Pesos" at local wire transfer sites seems to be an ongoing concern. The project relies upon John Derby to execute for this \$1,000 one-time project.

K. **Community Service.**

1. **Budget.** Ruth reviewed her budget and will seek more sustainable projects. D Street Shelter, Rescue Mission and Human Trafficking will be revisited.
2. **Peace Pole Project.** Mike C updated the Board on Cristian's work with Merced HS.

Mike C closed the meeting.

5. **Next Meeting Date:** February 13, 2019

6. **Meeting adjourned:** 8:06 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

/Eric A. Moore
Secretary
February 9, 2019