



**Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise &
 Merced Sunrise Rotary Club Charity
 Zone 26, District 5220, Area 8, Club 22798
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Date: April 25, 2018
Time: 5:30PM
Location: Whitegate Drive, Merced
Roll Call:

Officer	Title/Charge	Present	Absent
Mike Altomare	President	X	
Mike Cuchna	President Elect	X	
Pope Lawrence	Vice President	X	
Bob Casey	Past President	X	
Eric Moore	Secretary	X	
Theresa Cesar	Treasurer	X	
Director			
Ruth Alejo	Community		X
Donald Barclay	Vocational	X	
Regina Cherf	Club	X	
Douglas Forte	International		X
Butch Hughes	Youth		X
Chair			
Alan Arnold	Membership		X
Frank Reed	Foundation		X

Guests: NA

Reference: General Monthly Board Meeting

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Mike A.
- 2. Roll Call:** As listed above.
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** M/S/C, Pope/Don/Aye.
- 4. Approval of March 20, 2018 Board Minutes:** M/S/C, Theresa/Pope/Aye.

5. Leadership Reports.

A. President.

1. **District Conference Awards.** Mike A announced the Club won four awards at the District Conference. (No other information was available.) Don won for Vocational Service. Mike A apologized for not sending in Doug's International Service submission due to a miscommunication. Mike A thought the Awards may be discontinued due to District-wide apathy and little benefit and competition.
2. **Human Trafficking.** Mike A and Doug continue to work with Without Permission and Soroptimists on getting this off the ground.
3. **Membership.** Mike A stated Richard will be leaving the Club as he retires and moves away and Bernard will official drop-off the roles after June due to his transfer. Recruiting will always be a priority to all members.

B. Treasurer.

1. **Treasurer's Report.** Submitted. M/S/C, Theresa/Mike C/Aye.
2. **Accounts Payable.** Theresa resolved a few technical questions.
3. **Missing/Stale Checks.** The Club is missing a two checks for Shrimp Feed tickets and the Club has a few stale-dated grants checks cut (2016 – estimated \$3,000). The Board resolved to finalize accounts, but also to terminate any outstanding grant payment beyond 180 days of issuance date. M/S/C, Eric/Mike C/Aye.

C. Secretary.

1. **Presidential Citation.** Eric wanted to understand and include the Club's role in the Area 8 North/South Rotary Bob Green Football Classic as a formal Service Activity on RI Club Central due to Club member's long but sometimes informal involvement. At issue, is whether the hours volunteered and monies raised/donated can be claimed by the Club in whole or in part. Bob stated the Club routinely donated over \$750 directly toward the \$40,000 scholarship program and is ranked about #5 in direct donations among participating clubs. An estimated one hundred hours are volunteered toward the event. The Club will update the information accordingly. July 1 membership and annual giving continue to drive the key metrics for Citation achievement.
2. **RI Membership Accounts.** Eric will be driving membership to create an official account on RI going forward with the intention to create a framework for monthly giving.

D. Immediate Past President.

1. **Tree Project.** Bob updated that a final site(s) of 100 trees is being selected with Merced College and the City. Other clubs' finances remain a concern and smaller clubs have already committed to their projects in Atwater and Winton. UC Master Gardeners remain an important resource. Manpower for the actual planting is another question. The City is largely tasked with identifying five parks for planting.
2. **Kick-out Party.** The Board discussed and tentatively selected July 7 at Lake Yosemite.

E. President Elect.

1. **Shrimp Feed/After-Party.** Mike C is settling accounts at the end of April and a final tally will be disclosed at the Thank G_d the Shrimp Feed is Over Party on April 29.
2. **New Officers/Directors – Budgeting.** Mike C is appointing new Board members as needed; Doug and Karla are both stepping away from their current roles. Theresa may move positions. Treasurer, International and Club Service are in-play. Once solidified, Mike C will discuss budget needs with all Board members and set-out to formalize by the new fiscal year. There is an effort being made to incorporate newer members into Club leadership.
3. **Club Pins.** Mike C is working on a special Club/Merced Pin to be exchanged with other clubs, not unlike the mini-banners. The idea is to trade pins at RI Conference and otherwise bring Field of Honor, Almond Blossom, Merced Tower to prominence. Mike showed samples and got more ideas. A matching lanyard is also in progress.
4. **Merced College/Veterans.** Mike C sees an opportunity to assist veterans per the Field of Honor mission and thinking of expanding the Club partnership through the Merced College Veterans Resource Center. Eric mentioned bringing veterans into the UC Venture Lab as well.
5. **Breakfast Audio/Podium.** Mike C continues to work on improving the audio and podium for the Club. Storage may also need to be expanded.

F. Vice President. Pope is actively filling three remaining breakfast meetings with speakers for the year. A meeting on the recent Somoto, Nicaragua trip is forthcoming.

G. Club Service.

1. **Thank G_d the Shrimp Feed is Over Party.** Gina has April 29 at Theresa's scheduled. Kids are encouraged as it is a family event.

H. International Service. In Doug's absence, Mike A brought the Board up to speed on related budget matters. Club has \$8,064 to allocate for international projects. Mike A wanted to support one or two Madera club water project(s) in Somoto Nicaragua, but wants more information or a presentation if they need \$8,000, or some portion thereof. The Club can also carryover the monies. Additionally, Mike A was informed by the District (Dave Mantooth) at the District Conference that the Club had an additional \$904 (from 2017?) to allocate exclusively toward a Global Grant. The District has such a qualifying \$10,000 grant for Philippines sanitation. The District requested the \$904 from Mike A personally. The Board voted since the matter was not budgeted. M/S/C, Pope/Mike C/Aye. Additionally, there is a general question about what exactly the Club funded last year and going forward since it appears projects the Club favored were already fully-funded and Club monies were either not used or diverted elsewhere. Eric mentioned that he requested tax returns from the District to review operational issues and related resolutions, but that the information was not forthcoming. Hearts Afire was issued \$1,000, per the existing budget.

I. **Youth Service.** Mike A picked-up in Butch absence. Mike was looking to place \$500 with 4H Club, but needs a better contact. Interact was not asking for their \$500 allocation. Make a Wish is ready for their \$800. The Club will enhance the North/South Rotary Bob Green Football Classic with unallocated scholarship funds (\$1,500) – estimated to be \$2,250 this year from the historic \$750. The Board considered and approved; M/S/C, Mike C/Pope/Aye.

J. **Vocational Service.**

1. **Budget.** Don and Mike A looked at the Ideal of Service and Four-Way Test Award and decided to raise awards from \$100 to \$180 apiece in order to clear budget use. M/S/C, Don/Bob/Aye.
2. **Vocational Visit.** Donald has a tour of Laird Manufacturing (cattle feeding equipment) scheduled for June 15 and June 29 for UC Merced Venture Lab.

K. **Community Service.**

1. **FOH Grants.** In Ruth's absence, Mike A wanted to approve the following grant amendments from budget;
 - a. **Run with Heros.** \$1,000 - M/S/C, Mike A/Pope/Aye.
 - b. **VFW.** Increase from \$1,500 to \$2,000 to install ADA ramp - M/S/C, Eric/Mike C/Aye.
 - c. **Yosemite NP Veteran Seminar Project.** \$14,000 per prior request and UC Merced/NP/NatureBridge/Nature Conservancy co-sponsorship. Pope requested that resources be made from Merced County and a report be made within the year on project status. An important aspect is getting scaleable veteran resources to constituents. M/S/C, Eric/Pope/Aye.
 - d. **Merced Veterans Association.** \$854.63 for T-shirts per Merced College co-sponsorship. M/S/C, Mike C/Eric/Aye.
 - e. **VFW District 13 Honor Guard.** \$1,000. San Joaquin National Cemetery, Santa Nella, CA operations. M/S/C, Mike C/Bob/Aye.
2. **Budgeted Items.** Mike A compelled the issuance of grants for projects already budgeted.

L. **Ad hoc Charitable Projects.**

1. No report

6. **Next Meeting Date:** TBA

7. **Meeting adjourned:** 7:06 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

/Eric A. Moore/
Secretary
May 14, 2018