

Minutes

Merced Sunrise Rotary

Board Meeting of August 24, 2016

Meeting convened at 5:35PM

Members Present: Dortha Chu, Galen Chastain, Mike Cuchna, Bob Casey, Doug Forte, Donald Barclay, Gina Cherf, Mike Altomare, Rich Miller

Members Absent: Butch Hughes, Stuart Rawling

Guests Present: Ross Simonet, Frank Reed, Alan Arnold, Eric Moore

Approval of Agenda: M/S/C Altomare, Cuchna

Approval of Minutes of 7-20-16 Board Meeting: M/S/C Altomare, Forte

Leadership Reports

President: Bob gave a brief rundown of where we are in regard to planning for the 2016 Field of Honor. He indicated that Nancy Edmiston and Dewayne Young would be the co-chairs for this year's event. Janet Altomare will assist the chairs in the same manner that she assisted last year. He said that he was urging Nancy and Dewayne to hold their first FOH meeting ASAP as we are behind in this year's planning. He also indicated that an impromptu meeting of the FOH sponsorship subcommittee (Galen, Tim and Gary) would be held immediately following Friday's meeting. A motion was made to set up on November 4th and 5th, conduct the opening ceremony on November 6th, participate in Veterans' Parade on November 11th and conduct closing ceremony on November 12th. Begin breaking down on Saturday afternoon and finish breakdown on Sunday November 13th. M/S/C Cherf, Altomare.

President-Elect: Mike A. suggested that Mike C. look into having workers from the UC Merced 2020 Project to give a future program.

Vice President: Mike reported that he still has some scheduled programs beyond September 2nd, the current date for the DG visit. Mike announced that the FOH website was up and running and that the dates corresponded to the dates in Gina's motion, above.

Treasurer: Rich announced that from now on, Directors should have available a dynamic budget report that is up to date with current information. He encouraged any Director who has questions to call him. He announced that an outstanding UC student who was a member of the Rotaract Club had recently died and asked for a moment of silence to honor him. Cause of death is still a mystery.

Secretary: Galen announced that Ruth Alejo had proposed a candidate for membership in Merced Sunrise Rotary and that the candidacy would need board approval to move forward. Alan Arnold spoke in opposition to proceeding further with the candidacy and cited numerous behavioral attributes that would, in his opinion, render the candidate unsuitable for membership. A lengthy discussion followed. No action was taken by the board on this matter. President Bob volunteered to speak privately with Ruth to explain why the board did not take any action.

Activity Reports

Community: Dortha is working with Playhouse Merced in an attempt to work out a sponsorship of a specific show. Costs would run \$3k-\$5K, so Dortha is considering reaching out to other clubs for joint sponsorship. She mentioned possibly developing a show similar to Family Feud to raise money for a third party charity. Mike A. spoke in opposition to the latter because, in his opinion, we should not be a pass through agency, but rather an agency that serves to provide benefits directly to the recipient. In response to a query from Alan regarding another beautification project and a discussion about it, a motion was made to encourage Alan to proceed with preliminary plans for the project with money coming from any unused Community Service funds. M/S/C Dortha, Gina

Vocational: Donald reported that the top four vote getters for vocational visit venues. They were: the firehouse, Foster Farms, UC Merced facilities plant and UC Merced electron microscope. He also suggested that he may introduce something like what we used to have as a 360's program in which a member would expound on a Rotarian who most inspired him/her to pursue their chosen vocation.

International: Doug reported that he was still exchanging emails with his acquaintance, Moses, who is a Rotarian in Uganda and that he is in discussion with him regarding the installation of water wells there. Hand dug wells will cost \$3,500 each. A discussion about several options available to us for participation followed by concluding with a consensus that we should do one well and monitor. Sustainability after well is dug is a big issue.

Club: Gina is continuing in her efforts to fill the various positions of club service. A brief discussion was held regarding the post graduate scholarship. Gina will announce the availability of live scan services at the regular meeting and reminded the board that a class must also be taken to complete the Live Scan process. Bob said the Michelle Allison can also help members to access Live Scan services.

Youth: No report.

Foundation Update: Frank Reed, after some urging, agreed to be the Chairman of the Foundation Committee.

FOH: Rich announced that the efforts of the Citizens Committee for Honoring our Veterans has borne fruit. The next committee meeting will be on September 6, 2016. He summarized the history of the rising estimated costs for the project which has grown from ≈\$20K to ≈\$61K and opined that because we were forced to make certain concessions, the original concept formulated for the project had been weakened. He suggested that in order to meet the dedication timeline of November 11th or 12th, we should begin buying stuff for the occasion. A Q and A session followed, during which Rich expressed his belief that the City would absorb the labor costs for the project. A motion was made to allocate \$30K toward the project. M/S/C Mike A., Mike C.

For the Honor Flights coming up on September 12-14 and October 24-25, for which there are 8 candidates having eligibility, a motion was made to allocate \$3K to support two candidates @\$1,500 each. M/S/C Rich, Galen.

President Bob announced that he has happily accepted Nancy Edmiston and Dewayne Young as Co-Chairs for the 2016 Field of Honor. Janet Altomare will assist in the same manner that she assisted last year. Bob also reminded the board of the DG's visitation on Thursday, September 1st and 2nd. We will meet as a board at the 510 Bistro at 5:30PM on the 1st and as a club at our regular meeting on the 2nd. The hors d'oeuvres for the board meeting will be provided by the club. The dinner afterward at 6:30PM will be "Dutch treat."

Next Meeting Date: September 1, 2016 at the 510 Bistro

Meeting adjourned summarily at 7:20PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Galen Chastain

Secretary