



**Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise &
 Merced Sunrise Rotary Club Charity
 Zone 26, District 5220, Area 8, Club 22798
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Date: May 15, 2018
Time: 5:30PM
Location: Little Taste of India Restaurant, 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: Anita Richards, Founder, Run for the Fallen

Reference: General Monthly Board Meeting

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Mike A.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** M/S/C, Pope/Gina/Aye.
3. **Approval of April 25, 2018 Board Minutes:** M/S/C, Eric/Gina/Aye.
4. **Leadership Reports.**

A. **President.**

1. **Human Trafficking.** Mike A and Doug continue to work with Without Permission and Soroptimists on getting this off the ground.
2. **Run for the Fallen.** This Field of Honor sponsored 5K running event is budgeted \$500 under Ruth's Community Service authority and now asks for another \$975. The nine year old project stems from a national project and grows by 100 each year, currently attracting between 700 and 1,000. Total event budget is less than \$2,000 with many items donated. August 25 is the next scheduled event located at former Castle AFB or along Bear Creek in Merced. An estimated 30 volunteers are needed for the day's event, which includes Lions Club. Founder Anita Richards personally appeared before the Board and requested the Club take-over official organizing. Ms. Richards is simply ready to hand-over the responsibilities to another party. The Board will consider the request and study solutions. The Board approved another \$975 for event medals. M/S/C, Mike A/Gina/Aye.
3. **Membership.** Mike A stated Shelly will transfer to Madera. Dan resigned. Bernard leaves June 30. Richard is scheduled to leave. Lauren is set to move to Galt by next school year. Mike A wanted membership to be 46 at the end of his term, but envisions 42. Recruiting will always be a priority to all members.
4. **Form/Public Relations Audit Committee.** Mike A directed Club Service to build consensus and standardize Club messages, information and other Public Relations functions. This matter arose from Field of Honor sponsorship questions and concerns and communications with the general public. Gina, Eric M and another member selected by Gina shall work on this three-person committee going forward.

B. Treasurer.

1. **Treasurer's Report.** Submitted. M/S/C, Pope/Mike C/Aye. Mike A made some comments in Theresa's absence that the Club still needed to issue checks to budgeted groups. Mike A estimated that \$18,014 would remain unspent and carry-over to next fiscal year, namely Merced welcome signs and a community needs assessment.

C. Secretary.

1. **Presidential Citation.** RI shall use July 1 as the date to measure Club membership and giving. The Club fulfilled (exceeded) nearly every metric to earn the Citation. However, unexpected end-of-year membership adjustments and how RI exactly calculates and compares Giving is a black-box not under Board control.
2. **District Tax Returns.** Eric M updated the Board on his attempts to obtain the last three years of tax returns covering District administration, inter-Club grant and TRF operations and the Rotary District 5220 Disaster Relief Corporation. District operations and effectiveness questions were compounded after the District Conference, wherein the District Advisory and Finance Committees requested formal resolution (later withdrawn) to alter the District Policy and Procedure Manual (by-laws?) and allow new bank accounts, add additional signers and change the designated District Secretary volunteer position to a paid position performed by an outside consultant. The lack of certain public and corporate information and no financial information regrettably create more questions than answers. It is hoped that obtaining copies of filed tax returns for District operations would be the quickest most

authoritative method to learn how and where Membership fees were being used without the need for escalation.

3. **RI Membership Accounts.** Eric M compelled two members to open new RI accounts. This process will continue. The RI account is necessary to obtain the Rotarian monthly magazine electronically and access monthly Giving.

D. Immediate Past President.

1. **Tree Project.** Mike A updated the Board on Bob's progress with local officials and nurseries.
2. **Kick-out Party.** July 7 at Lake Yosemite was selected.

E. President Elect.

1. **Next Fiscal Year Budget.** Mike C will draft and distribute the new budget before the June Board meeting. Directors shall review suggest changes.
2. **Club Pins.** Mike C updated the Board on Club pins and took suggestions. Mike will finalize and order pins in time for the RI Conference.
3. **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.
4. **Transition Board Meeting.** The Board shall meet next with the priority to approve a comprehensive budget for Club consideration. Board members shall also be selected. Steve H will join the Board.
5. **Polio Fundraising.** Mike C is preparing for a Polio project in October. Mike C will distribute a Giving challenge ending October 24 – World Polio Day. The Member raising the most will win a commemorative coin.

F. Vice President. Pope had no report. The schedule is complete.

G. Club Service.

1. **Audit Committee.** Gina is organizing the annual audit.

H. International Service.

1. **Mulege, Mexico.** In Doug's absence, Mike A brought the Board a \$1,000 grant request to match the efforts to clean-up beaches in Mulege, Baja California Sur, Mexico. The project was brought to the Club's attention by John D and his personal relationship with the Mulege Rotary Club in District 4100. http://www.mercedcountytimes.net/editorials/041918_rotary.html M/S/C, Butch/Mike C/Aye. A report will be forthcoming and the project will be added to the Club website.
2. **Philippians/Madera Micro Finance.** Mike A was approached at the District Conference to support the Madera Club's embroidery equipment micro-finance project. The request was for \$1,000. In discussion, it was suggested the Club only match future international requests and encourage direct documented requests. In this case the Board approved \$500. M/S/C, Butch/Pope/Aye.
3. **Somoto, Nicaragua.** Madera Club is formulating diverse water projects across Madriz province for FY19. Theresa and Dick Wyatt are in communication. The Board needs more information and will table the matter until next year with a Madera Club presentation. M/S/C, Pope/Mike C/Aye.

I. Youth Service.

1. **Boys & Girls Club Summer Program.** The Club received another \$2,000 grant request for a Fresno Chaffee Zoo trip. The Club already dispersed \$1,000. The Board considered the late request and existing budget and agreed to disperse (half) \$1,000 in FY18 allowing Mike C to allocate another \$1,000 in FY19. This allows Mike C to operate under the existing budget, but compels a post-July 1 project report. The Club wants better results measurement from all grantees going forward. M/S/C, Mike C/Butch/Aye.
2. **All Star Junior High Baseball.** Butch reported that Ruth and Bud had a profound impact on the event's success. 200 kids and their families attended.

J. Vocational Service.

1. **Vocational Visit.** Donald has a tour of Laird Manufacturing (cattle feeding equipment) scheduled for June 15 and June 29 for UC Merced Venture Lab.
2. **Budget.** Don and Mike A finalized Ideal of Service Awards. A photo-op is forthcoming.

K. Community Service.

1. **FOH Grants.**
 - a. **Run for the Fallen.** (Already discussed.)
 - b. **Merced College Plaza Project.** Merced College requested between \$2,500 and \$5,000 to relocate flag poles closer to the campus Veterans Resource Center. The Board discussed and agreed to \$2,500. M/S/C, Pope/Mike C/Aye.
 - c. **Castle Air Museum.** Grantee requests \$2,500 for a \$10,000 covered aircraft mechanic workspace. The Board was confused if the request was for the \$5 million display hanger project. Some information was incomplete. The matter tabled pending a meeting and final report by Eric M. M/S/C, Pope/Mike C/Aye.
2. **Bicycle Project.** This \$1,000 budgeted item will not be used.

L. Ad hoc Charitable Projects. No report.

5. **Next Meeting Date:** TBA

6. **Meeting adjourned:** 7:16 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

/Eric A. Moore/

Secretary

June 10, 2018