Minutes

Merced Sunrise Rotary

Board Meeting of October 12, 2015

Meeting convened at 5:40 PM

Members Present: Stewart Rawling, Tim O’Neill, Cathy Paskin, Dortha Chu, Mike Cuchna, Galen Chastain

Members Absent: Theresa Cesar, Bob Casey, Mark Lutz, Rich Miller, Betsy Donovan, Paul Fregene

Guests Present: none

Approval of Agenda: Given the lack of a quorum no action was taken.

Approval of Minutes of 8/10: Given the lack of a quorum no action was taken.

Leadership Reports

President:

1. Recap of DG visit, Oct. 8-9: Cathy reported that, according to the Assistant Governor Susan Costen, the District Governor was very impressed with the outcome of her visit to Merced Sunrise and remarked that we were the Hallmark of District 5220 clubs. There was considerable discussion regarding ethnic and gender considerations associated with the demographics of our club and the employment of these factors in membership recruitment. Dortha clarified why is especially difficult for surgical doctors to attend early morning meetings.
2. Absence: Cathy reported that she would be absent for the next 5 meetings due to travel commitments that she had reported to Nancy Edminston when she was being recruited to be President. Cathy first contacted the President Elect and Vice President to stand in for her during her absence, but both officers declined. Therefore, other former club Presidents were approached and agreed to stand in for her during her absence.

President-Elect: No Report

Vice President: No Report

Treasurer: No Report

Secretary: No Report

FOH Report

1. Honor Flight Dinner: Tim reported that the dinner was held on October 11th and that it had been a success. He posed the question of why our contribution to the Honor Flight had to be funneled through the Madera Rotary Club and questioned why we were not able to contribute directly and thereby be recognized as an Honor Flight supporter. He opined that we should explore this option further and that the matter should be brought up at the next meeting of the Honor Flight committee.
2. Radio Interviews: Tim announced that radio spots for the FOH will begin next week. Cathy announced that Shelly Conner would be doing any radio interviews.

Activity Reports

Community: Dortha reported on progress she is making in arranging for community service projects.

Vocational: Tim reported that all arrangements had been made for next Friday’s meeting at Label Technology. He also reported that he was working on arrangements for additional vocational visits to Centurion Boats and Merced Screw.

International: No Report

Club Service: Mike reported that the website is fully functional and that data therein related to the Field of Honor is current.

Youth: *No Report*

Foundation Update: Stewart reported that he is going to lobby heavily this year to have every member of the club be a contributor to the Rotary Foundation through Rotary Direct. Tim suggested that we start with a contribution of $10/month. This level of support would qualify the member as a Sustaining Paul Harris member.

Other Business: None

Next Meeting Date: December 7, 2015, 5:30 PM at Cathy’s home.

Meeting adjourned: Given the lack of a quorum, Cathy summarily adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Galen Chastain

Secretary