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**Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise &
Merced Sunrise Rotary Club Charity
Zone 26, District 5220, Area 8, Club 22798
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Date: April 9, 2020
Time: 6:34PM
Location: Via Teleconference
Roll Call:

Officer	Title/Charge	Present	Absent
Pope Lawrence	President	X	
Doug Forte	President Elect	X	
Eric Moore	Vice President	X	
Mike Cuchna	Past President	X	
Eric Moore	Secretary	X	
Cristian Lopez	Treasurer	X	
Director			
Robert Garcia	Community		X
Steve Hobbs	Vocational		X
Sam Traina	Club	X	
Regina Cherf	International		X
Butch Hughes	Youth		X
Chair			
Karla Seijas	Membership	X	
Donald Barclay	Foundation		X
Sara Fleszar	Field of Honor		X
Michael Pavlović	Field of Honor		X

Guests: None.

Reference: Monthly Board Meeting

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Pope.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** M/S/C, Doug/Sam/Aye.
- 3. Approval of March 12, 2020 Minutes:** M/S/C, Eric/Sam/Aye.

4. Leadership Reports.

A. Treasurer.

1. **Current Financial Statements.** Provided.
2. **Other Financial Operations.** Cristian conferred with the Board on certain smaller financial matters.

B. Secretary.

1. **Bylaws Amendment.** In 2019 the Board approved a motion to make Foundation and Membership Chairs voting Board members. Eric will prepare that Amendment language with Mike C and Doug for Board final review in anticipation of a larger Club vote via email during the CV19 emergency. The current Board quorum requirement of six may not be changed in the process.

C. Immediate Past President.

1. **Club/Rotaract Expense Refunds & Damages.** Mike C updated the Board on related CV19 refunds on various Rotaract expenses to Hawaii, etc. Sam mentioned there might be a FEMA or SBA solution to business and non-profits incurring related damages. Pope asked Eric to explain current efforts to secure the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan and Advance program. Pope called for a motion to allow Eric to finalize the application. The maximum amount sought is \$10,000. The final terms are unknown. M/S/C, Pope/Mike C/Aye. Mike C with Karla's assistance submitted Rotaract President Brenna Bolanos for a UC Merced leadership award based upon her great works this year.
2. **Kick-out Party.** Mike C instructed the Board the annual party may be subject to cancellation in July. The Board has ideas to amend.
3. **Merced College - CTE Scholarships.** Mike C noticed the Board those annual awards are still in-play even with Merced College distance learning. More info to come.

D. Vice President.

1. **Speakers.** Eric will seek-out speakers as the Club adopts Zoom for Club meetings. Toastmasters may play an important roll with various rotary properties going forward post CV19.

E. President Elect.

1. **Shrimp Feed Cancellation.** Doug is moving through the cancellation process to recover and refund related monies. Auction items refund is a question.
2. **Paul's Place Business Continuity.** Doug wanted to explore making a gift to Paul's Place to keep them in business during CV19.

3. **Ptext Communications.** Doug wants to roll-out using the DACdb Ptext service to improve Club communications. Each member needs to update their DACdb account with their specific cellphone carrier information for that program to be effective.

F. Club Service.

1. **Pending Grant Request - RCC CV19 Mask Project.** Sam brought forth a request from RCC on a \$500,000 county-wide CV19 mask/respirator project (Exhibit A). The \$10,000 request under Field of Honor reflects the emergency nature of the crisis and attempts to address the emerging County government mandate that all persons in the County minimally have access to masks to move around and medical professionals and first responders have the same for due care. The project is in partnership with Dignity Health, the City of Merced and other stakeholders as the CV19 situation changes daily. Pope stated the request was problematic on a number of terms, namely that RCC is not allowed to ask for project support from Rotary clubs. Doug concurred that clubs may only support minor administrative issues and not projects. Doug thought the request was way over the top. Pope asked for a motion to deny the request. Sam applauded the effort, but thought there were too many loose-ends in this request and there was no included budget. Eric asked if the Board was adverse to RCC raising money from other non-Rotary sources to support the CV19 project. Doug, reading from the model RI RCC documents, stated RCC and the sponsoring Club had to be in agreement on these kinds of projects. Eric stated it was one thing for the Board to deny the subject request, but that it would be in the best interests of all parties to understand if the Board would prevent RCC from even conducting this CV19 community project going forward. Pope, drawing upon his many recent exchanges with DG Pierce and his queries across the District and RI itself, thought the project was not allowed. Mike C thought a specific plan was needed and that other groups and people did not need financial support and that \$10,000 was out of line. Sam thought if he saw a budget the request could be justified. There are also supply chain issues as well, so money alone does not address all the issues. M/S/C, Doug/Karla/Aye. Eric abstained.
2. **Board Support of the RCC CV19 Project.** Mike C followed-up on Eric's unanswered question of Board support. Pope injected that it was not up to the Board of the sponsoring club, but instead RCC and RI to determine what RCC is allowed to do going forward. Sam had Doug recite the model RI RCC Constitution (Section 8, Number 2) for language stating the sponsoring club must obtain "prior approval" for a project soliciting outside support. Sam made a motion requesting more CV19 budgetary information from RCC before the Board gave its approval to solicit funds from outside parties or the Club. Mike C seconded. Sam asked Eric if the motion made sense. Eric stated he was not happy as to where this was going. Eric agreed the request was logical, but that other issues were in play during the crisis and that historically the Club does not have a formal application or process to approve. Eric thought RCC would supply more information, but the Board had no explicit criteria for what its demand was. Eric thought there was a time value to execution and that it was sad that the Board was apparently putting the brakes on the RCC from doing anything during the crisis. Eric hoped the Board would meet on

the matter sooner, rather than meet in a month or two or never. Sam thought that if given enough information the matter could be resolved in a week's time. Eric, since Robert G and other RCC members were not present, told the Board that to make it easier for everybody that he would recommend to RCC to refuse any monies coming from Merced Sunrise on this project and that the Board's future review of the grant request was not necessary. Eric stated the RCC project was not about money, rather it was about the passive attempt to alleviate human suffering. Eric hoped the Board or somebody could simply say; "This is a good thing and we should support it." Sam supported the concept and the idea of RCC soliciting money. Sam modified his motion; The Club applauds RCC CV19 efforts and approves RCC solicitation to outside parties. Mike seconded. Karla thought a clear distinction between RCC and Rotary clubs would be needed and that the Club should not be associated with the project. M/S/C, Sam/Mike C/Aye. Eric abstained. Sam encouraged RCC to come back and seek some improvement on their original request. Eric thanked Sam for his extra interest and that his chief concern was eroding RCC morale during the crisis. Eric thought RCC approached all the clubs equally in the County. Doug quizzed Eric on the project wherein; no money was known to be collected, the City of Merced provided staff and the Senior Center as a base of operations, all regional health centers are engaged. The intent is to build a County-wide assembly line of useful anti-viral masks using locally sourced groups and materials. Sam and Doug were in full support to provide materials and offered help thereto.

G. Community Service. No Report.

H. Vocational Services. No Report.

I. International Service. No Report.

J. Youth Service. No Report.

K. Membership. Karla wanted to make sure the invoice for the last new member has the proper invoice date.

L. Field of Honor. Eric stated the first application for the November 11 fly-over through the VA commenced.

M. Foundation. No report.

5. Next Meeting Date: May 14, 2020, 6:30PM Via Teleconference

6. Pope adjourned the Meeting: 8:20PM

Respectfully Submitted,
/Eric A. Moore/
Secretary (Acting)
May 12, 2020

Subject: Rotary Community Corps of Merced County [My Form]
From: Grant Application <noreply@123formbuilder.io>
Date: 4/7/2020, 8:18 AM
To: "mercedsunriseveep@gmail.com" <mercedsunriseveep@gmail.com>

Project Name:	Merced County COVID-19 First Responder Mask Project
Organization Name:	Rotary Community Corps of Merced County
Year Established:	2019
Are you a Non-profit?	YES
Type of Non-profit	501(c)3
EIN:	84-2158076
Principal Contact:	Robert Garcia
Organization Address:	1735 Veterans Blvd, #13 Merced California 95340 United States
Organization Phone:	209-631-5113
Organization Email:	mercedrotarycommuitycorps@gmail.com
Organization Website:	www.rccmercedcounty.org
Mission Statement:	RCC was established to empower and recruit non-Rotarians into a meaningful cadre of county-wide volunteers using the Four Way Test and Rotary's Six Avenues of Service.
Amount Requested:	\$10,000
Grant Purpose:	To purchase critical materials for durable and useful face masks and respirators. RCC and a growing list of stakeholders are being drafted to coordinate and build a network of anti-COVID-19 mask/PPE makers to provide useful masks to first responders, high-risk patients and the general public across Merced County. County Public Health officials are seeking a mandatory mask order within days, but the County government and healthcare segments do not have mask inventories sufficient to protect responders, staff or the general public. RCC is in communication with Dignity Health and lesser clinics in addition to City and County officials to setup an emergency mask making and distribution site at the Merced Senior Center with added efforts to duplicate efforts across the County. The goal is to provide

masks for the entire population of Merced County over the next months - 250,000 minimum.

The principal location is the Senior Center operating between 7AM to Noon M-F until the COVID emergency is lifted. The City has already executed its agreements authoring RCC use of the Site. Sewing machines and a network of sewers are being enlisted.

Additionally, County medical professionals are sourcing high value medical fabric - principally H600 materials - for use in high-grade N95+ PPE to be fashioned by County volunteers under the RCC masthead. Estimated cost to produce these masks is \$2 each.

General guidelines and plans are here.

https://anest.ufl.edu/clinical-divisions/mask-alternative/?fbclid=IwAR2NYUqZG6CI-a_85iN29I-OJH4BO8bzDHFR5zZ9EAE8tA78npdkJRGkTRA#prototype2

Time is of the essence in these matters. A similar request for money and volunteers will be disbursed to County Rotary Clubs as well in addition to other service organizations.

This project is evolving quickly due to its emergency nature.

Total Cost of Project:

\$500,000

Co-sponsors:

County Rotary Clubs, City and COunty of Merced, Dignity Health

Other Information:

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