

Rotary



**Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise &
Merced Sunrise Rotary Club Charity
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Date: December 18, 2017
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, Doug, Aye.
- 4. Approval November 14, 2017 Board Minutes:** M/S/C, Doug, Mike C, Aye.

5. Leadership Reports.

A. President.

1. **Club Competition.** Mike A wanted the Club to think of the March deadline for the District Competition.
2. **Human Trafficking.** Mike A and Doug continue this effort. Scheduling with area law enforcement is a challenge. Community education is a starting place.
3. **Membership-Departures, Corporate, Vocational, Recruitment.** Mike A emphasized the challenges set before the Club, but the Club has some unique and flexible tools at the ready that do not exist at other clubs.
4. **Budgets.** Mike A wants to write checks mid-year to keep program and event funding apace, or for Directors to offer creative and insightful alternatives.

B. Treasurer.

1. **Unpaid Dues.** Theresa is invoicing and expanding use of payment systems to enhance collections.
2. **Monthly Financial Reports.** Mike A stepped in on behalf of Theresa since Janice is the bookkeeper and Theresa is new. Theresa proffered two financial reports for Operations and Charity. The board voted to accept respectively. M/S/C Bob, Mike C, Aye, M/S/C Doug, Pope, Aye.

C. Secretary.

1. **Presidential Citation.** Eric circulated a semi-annual summary of where the Club is relative to the Citation achievement. Membership and giving are primary goals to stay focused upon.
2. **Bylaws Update.** Eric circulated proposed amendments for Email Voting, etc. Per existing Bylaws, the Club will vote in early 2018 to make official.
3. **Honorary Membership.** Eric made a motion to make Rich Miller a Honorary Member based upon his and Mary's lasting and insightful impact upon Merced and its people. M/S/C Eric, Pope, Aye.

D. Immediate Past President.

1. **Tree Project.** Bob will coordinate with other clubs in the new year for an Area Project. March 1 is a deadline for planting plans. UC Master Gardeners is another resource. Likely locations are Merced College and area parks. The Club wants to support other clubs' ideas.

E. President Elect.

1. **Shrimp Feed.** Mike C stated planning is apace for the March 17, 2018 event. A meeting is scheduled for mid January. The Lodi Club wants to learn and rent certain equipment for their Shrimp Feed.
2. **RI Convention.** The June Toronto convention is planned and well attended by the Club. Several members will also partake of other activities in the region.

- F. **Vice President.** Pope is looking for one open spot in January.

G. **Club Service.** Gina is evaluating pending Fellowship events and incorporating new things for new members.

H. **International Service.**

1. **Uganda Water Well Project.** Doug mentioned the Club's contact with Uganda (Moses) was physically in Merced, but did not meet with Doug.
2. **Somoto, Nicaragua – Sports Equipment.** Theresa has an opportunity for the Club to help in Nicaragua if Uganda does not pan-out. More information will be forthcoming after April.

I. **Youth Service.** Butch remarked that Clothes for Kids went well and a formal grant memo is forthcoming. The Speech Contest was addressed however it appears more people will need to be involved to make it a well-attended success. Butch also made remarks on the Sports Complex issue and the City. There are very grave concerns about the City's conduct and intention to improve the community. The City turned-down over \$100,000 in donated time and equipment to improve public spaces for unknown reasons.

J. **Vocational Service.** No report.

K. **Community Service.**

1. **Merced Field of Honor.** The Field of Honor Committee and related Chairs will issue final reports. Sponsor invoicing and collections continue and some accounts payable has not even been received by the Club for payment. The Club will also buy new flags now in preparation for next year.
2. **Blue Star Moms Grants.** Ruth wanted to execute the two grants to Blue Star Moms for \$1,000 each. M/S/C Ruth, Pope, Aye.

L. **Ad hoc Charitable Projects.**

1. No Report.

6. **Next Meeting Date:** 5:30 PM, January 16, 2018

7. **Meeting adjourned:** 7:43 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

/Eric A. Moore/

Secretary

December 24, 2017