

Rotary



**Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise &
Merced Sunrise Rotary Club Charity
Zone 26, District 5220, Area 8, Club 22798
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Date: July 11, 2019
Time: 6:16PM
Location: Doncaster Court, Merced
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	
Holley Moyes	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:

Reference: Monthly Board Meeting

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Pope.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** M/S/C, Mike C/Butch/Aye.
- 3. Approval of June 12, 2019 Board Minutes:** M/S/C, Doug/Butch/Aye.

4. Leadership Reports.

A. President.

1. **Budget Update.** Pope stated the budget would soon be approved by the Club membership at a regular meeting.
2. **Grant Proposal Process Update.** Pope and Mike C are working to improve how grant requests are submitted to the Board/Club/Charity. An updated draft process is forthcoming.
3. **Grant Requests.**
 - a. **Merced Youth Baseball.** The Club received a request for a mobile pitcher's mound from Bob Casey in conjunction with co-sponsor Merced College. The \$500 grant would purchase the \$1,000 piece of equipment. It is believed funds are available from the President's budget or unspent monies from FYE19. There was no formal motion pending budget approval. **ATTACHMENT A.**

B. Treasurer. No Report.

C. Secretary (Acting).

1. **California Filings.** Eric will file the Statement of Information for the 501c3 Charity. No filing seems necessary for the 501c4 Club.
2. **Bylaws – RI Council on Legislation.** Eric again brought to the Board extensive information on over 100 pages of 2019 RI Bylaw/Constitution updates that may impact the Club. These changes as well as other pending matters demonstrate a clear and continuing need to modernize all aspects of Club and Charity bylaws. Eric is waiting for a new “model” Constitution and Bylaw to be issued by RI as a potential starting place to update Club and Charity documents.
3. **2019 Rotary Citation.** Eric issued a final report on the status of this annual performance award. Eric thought the Club earned enough points for the standard award, but not enough to earn a Presidential Distinction. The Club has until August 15 to amend any matter.
4. **2020 Rotary Citation.** Eric dispersed new goals to the Pope and Doug and began another checklist for 2020. The Club is already on track to attain the Citation. There will be added emphasis to track volunteer hours this year. Dedicated Public Relations remains an issue.
5. **Secretary Transition.** Eric asked for an update on Holley's return – September.

D. **Immediate Past President.**

1. **Tree Project.** Mike C will shepherd this project with area stakeholders with Merced HS being the target location. The project has been allocated \$10,000 in partnership with Merced Rotary.
2. **Foundation/Polio Giving.** Mike C will also monitor the Club's Polio Giving and obtain a current report. Pope may revisit the Polio coin collection program.
3. **Yosemite Veterans Seminar.** The Club donated \$14,000 to this project in partnership with UC Merced, Merced College, National Forest Service and the National Parks Service, among others. Union Pacific has also entered as a recent sponsor. The project is on track post wildfire damage with a September launch. Mike C and Pope will provide more updates.

E. **Vice President.** No Report.

F. **Club Service.** No Report.

G. **Community Service.**

1. **Questions.** Robert had some general questions about allocating his budget and contacting grantees. Ruth will work with Robert about assuming his new duties.
2. **Clothes for Kids.** Robert also had a question about allocating Clothes for Kids receipts for a Merced Mall competitive grant program used by area schools. The Board will revisit the matter closer to the December event with an emphasis to supporting Club volunteers. Robert and Mike C will come up with a neutral plan since certain members are competing for the Club's support.
3. **Merced Field of Honor.** The first organizational meeting will be held July 22.
4. **Interact.** Robert is ramping-up support to this Merced HS program. Darryl acting for Gina and Steve will help Robert with any extra information.

H. **Vocational Services.**

1. **Vocational Visit.** Steve has El Capitan HS, Bloodsource and potentially Costco as early visits.
2. **Merced Field of Honor – Run for the Fallen.** Steve had a preliminary meeting with race organizer. A 5K and a 10K will be held and can

become a regional qualifier for racers. Families may be allowed to walk too. November 10 is the preliminary race date. The Continental Marines were established on that date in 1775 by the Second Continental Congress – the progenitor to the modern USMC.

I. Youth Service.

1. **Clothes for Kids.** Butch had some general questions because of changes at Love INC. \$11,000 is the proposed budget, with other Rotary grants off-setting. Allison brought an extra 10 kids last year the day of the event, which the Club had not budgeted. Butch may need more funds if that effort is duplicated.

J. International Service. No Report.

K. President Elect. Doug said everything is perfect.

1. **Merced Field of Honor – The Moving Wall.** Doug contacted the vendor and reminded the Board about the mobile replica Vietnam Memorial and its reservation requirements for 2020 or 2021. The MFOH Committee will discuss. The cost is over \$10,000.

5. **Next Meeting Date:** August 8, 2019, 6PM, Doncester Court, Merced

6. **Pope adjourned the Meeting:** 7:38 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

/Eric A. Moore
Secretary (Acting)
August 5, 2019

ATTACHMENT A

From: 123ContactForm <noreply@123formbuilder.io>
Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2019 12:33 PM
To: doyoucare@sbcglobal.net
Subject: [My Form]

Project Name:	Merced Youth Baseball
Organization Name:	Merced Youth Baseball
Year Established:	1962
Are you a Non-profit?	YES
Type of Non-profit	NA
EIN:	77-0232980
Principal Contact:	Dave Nannini, Chris Vitelli, Bob Casey
Organization Address:	P.O. BOX 1335 Merced CA 95341 United States
Organization Phone:	209-384-8473
Organization Email:	mercedbaseball@gmail.com
Organization Website:	https://www.mercedbaseball.com
Mission Statement:	We are committed to providing a fun & safe environment for children to play baseball
Amount Requested:	\$500
Grant Purpose:	The grant would help pay for a portable pitchers mound for the youth baseball program to play at fields in the area in which maintenance is in needed to have an appropriate pitching mound.
Total Cost of Project:	\$1000
Co-sponsors:	Merced College
Other Information:	This will allow for us to use fields in the area that are not properly equipped to handle a youth baseball tournament.
Upload Supporting Files:	