

# Rotary



**Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise &  
Merced Sunrise Rotary Club Charity**  
**Zone 26, District 5220, Area 8, Club 22798**  
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**Date:** June 12, 2019  
**Time:** 6:00PM  
**Location:** Guinevere Court, Merced  
**Roll Call:**

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Title/Charge</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mike Cuchna	President	X	
Pope Lawrence	President Elect	X	
Doug Forte	Vice President	X	
Mike Altomare	Past President	X	
Eric Moore	Secretary	X	
Robert McGhee	Treasurer		X
<b>Director</b>			
Ruth Alejo	Community	X	
Steve Hobbs	Vocational		X
Sam Traina	Club		X
Regina Cherf	International	X	
Butch Hughes	Youth	X	
<b>Chair</b>			
Alan Arnold	Membership		X
Donald Barclay	Foundation		X
Nancy Edmiston/ Dwayne Young	Field of Honor		X X

**Guests:** Karla Seijas, Cristian Lopez, Bud Gautney, Robert Garcia

**Reference:** Annual Transitional Board Meeting

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Mike C.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** M/S/C, Eric/Doug/Aye.
- 3. Approval of May 15, 2019 Board Minutes:** M/S/C, Eric/Doug/Aye.
- 4. Leadership Reports.**

**A. President.**

**1. Grant Requests.**

- a. **New District Club – ModestoFLEX.** The District contacted clubs to grant the traditional \$100 start-up capital for new club formation. Mike A made a motion to increase the amount to \$200. M/S/C, Mike A/Pope/Aye.
- b. **Kids' Discovery Station.** Pope brought the Board information on a larger project driven by area educators and County Commissioner Lee Lor last month. The general idea is to build and operate an early childhood “exploratorium” in Merced. The new offering memorandum provided is still very general and seeks large amounts of support from corporate sponsors. The Board considered the importance of this early stage project and agreed a \$500 grant and public support is sufficient at this time. M/S/C, Eric/Pope/Aye.
- c. **CASA – Clothe the Child.** The Club received a \$2,500 request for a new CASA program to provide emergency clothing and “go-bags” for children unexpectedly removed from their homes. The Club has extensive experience and confidence with CASA and plans to use unspent budgeted to fulfill this request. M/S/C Pope/Doug/Aye.

**B. Treasurer.** No Report.

**C. Secretary.**

1. **Government Filings.** Eric will file updated Statement of Information with the State in July where needed.
2. **Bylaws – RI Council on Legislation.** Eric 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.
3. **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 goals and point system change every year reflecting certain RI priorities. RI is the final arbitrator of all outstanding goals. The Club has until August 15 to amend any matter.
4. **Secretary Transition.** Eric asked for clarification when Holley would return and assume her role as Secretary. Eric would act as Secretary until then. August seemed to be a working month.

**D. Immediate Past President.**

1. **Swim Lessons Scholarship.** Mike A brought the Club an emerging project to support swim lessons. The subject project is complex and based in

Arizona. The Club received \$5,000 to administer. The Board took no action pending more information.

**E. President Elect.**

1. **Transition.** Pope finalized his Board. Changes include; Cristian as Treasurer, Holley as Secretary, Eric to VP, but act as Secretary for a few more months. Robert Garcia will take over Community Service in addition to leading the newly formed Rotary Community Corps. Gina will be deployed for part of the year – her husband Darrell may fill-in for International Service. Membership and Field of Honor Chairs may need to be addressed as well.
2. **Board Expectations.** Pope made comments directed at the future Directors to otherwise improve reporting of projects and granting under their authorities. The hope is to make consistent grants throughout the year, rather than waiting for the last months to take action.
3. **Budget.** Pope made a few changes to the draft budget and will circulate after the Board meeting seeking an email vote. The Budget will be submitted to the Club for a final vote in July during a Club Assembly or before.

**F. Vice President.** No Report.

**G. Club Service.** No Report.

**H. International Service.** No Report.

**I. Youth Service.**

1. **N/S Football Classic.** Butch wanted to ensure enough volunteers would be present at the event. Butch also made some observations about how to attract and maintain Youth projects with fresh “wanted” attitude.

**J. Vocational Services.** No report.

**K. Community Service.** Ruth will work with Robert G on ensuring Field of Honor has enough volunteers and Robert has the contacts necessary to have a fun year.

Mike C closed the meeting and his year as President.

5. **Next Meeting Date:** July 11, 2019, 6PM, Doncester Court, Merced

6. **Meeting adjourned:** 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

/Eric A. Moore  
Secretary  
July 8, 2019