

Rotary



**Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise &
Merced Sunrise Rotary Club Charity
Zone 26, District 5220, Area 8, Club 22798
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Date: October 18, 2018
Time: 6:00PM
Location: Di Cicco's Italian Restaurant, Merced
Roll Call:

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

Guests: DG Judy Lovett, ADG Stuart Rawling, Wayne Hague, Janice Altomare, Danica Gautney, Bud Gautney, Robert Garcia, Ross Simonet, Joycelyn Simonet

Reference: Annual District Governor's Visit

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Mike C.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** M/S/C, Mike A/Steve/Aye.
- 3. Approval of September 18, 2018 Board Minutes:** M/S/C, Eric/Robert/Aye.

4. **President.**

A. **Business.** In light of District Governor's Lovett's annual visit and open agenda, Mike C divided the meeting between addressing limited business and allowing each Chair, Director and Officer to inform the DG about their specific priorities and answer questions thereto.

1. **MFOH Grant Request – VFW Post 83 - Handicap Ramp.** Mike A and Mike C instructed the Board about an unbudgeted \$1,000 grant request. The Board voted to have a final vote contained in a future Special Meeting. M/S/C, Mike A/Gina/Aye.
2. **Community Project Grant Request – CASA - Mini-Library.** Mike C and Mike A introduced the Board to a \$1,000 grant request to buy books directed at minors under the supervision of the Merced County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). The central idea is to replace certain unused budgeted monies to support an annual \$1,000 grant toward this mini-library Literacy Project physically located at the CASA office. September was also Basic Education and Literacy Month within Rotary. M/S/C, Mike A/Pope/Aye.
3. **Audio/Cabinetry/Podium Improvements – Paul's Place.** Mike C noticed the Board that certain improvements of Club infrastructure require an additional \$500 beyond amounts already approved – projected to be \$1,300. Paul's Place ownership recently changed and as such Mike C will contact new ownership about Club needs and future agreements before more monies are approved and invested.

B. **Open Leadership Reports.**

1. **Treasurer - DG Update.** Robert stated all Club and Charity financial affairs are in order. Tax returns are being prepared. Customary monthly financial reports were distributed. The Board emphasized to the DG that Club operations are legally distinct from Charity granting.
2. **Secretary.**
 - a. **New Prospective Member.** Eric made a motion to the Board to move a prospective member onto the Membership Committee for further review. M/S/C, Eric/Mike A/Aye.
 - b. **DG Update.** Eric stated his priorities were to update all Bylaws in the fiscal year, including membership dues.
3. **Immediate Past President - DG Update.** Mike A described his duties for the year, including selecting the VP designee and kick-out party.

4. **President Elect - DG Update.** Pope stated his annual priority is the Shrimp Feed event and related fundraising and making Bylaw updates. Pope has a survey to adjust current meals/pricing needs for membership.
5. **Vice President - DG Update.** Tanya was absent. Mike C specified the VP programs weekly breakfasts and related schedules.
6. **Club Service - VACANT POSITION - DG Update.**
 - a. **Membership Chair.** Mike C and Alan spoke about the state of new member orientation. The Club Bylaws are updated to reflect the current RI 50% attendance rule. Dues largely reflect four meetings per month.
 - b. **Foundation Chair.** In Don's absence, Mike C spoke about Don's instrumental weekly videos and presentations.
7. **International Service - DG Update.** Gina spoke about the Club's historic Nicaragua project and how new country risks suspended activities for the near future. Related, Mike A and Gina spoke about the continuing efforts to address regional human trafficking with various groups. The DG stated Susan Schultz in Stockton may be an important resource going forward. The Club updated the DG on Kiva operations and Polio giving contest.
8. **Vocational Service.**
 - a. **Vocational Visits.** Steve updated the Club on pending UC Merced Project 2020 and Waymo visits. Bud has some insight on the matters. December 7 is a scheduled visit at a local school.
 - b. **DG Update.** Steve updated the DG and Club on the emergence of vocational visits and related education. Also, the North-South Football Classic raised its scholarship giving to \$45,000 this year with Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs now qualified. Area clubs are seeking competitive donations.
9. **Community Service - DG Update.** Ruth referenced the annual budget as to impact. Ruth directs area non-profits to access the Club's online application. Mike C spoke about the Field of Honor and related granting and its growing importance in the Area and District.
10. **Youth Service - DG Update.** Mike C spoke about Clothes for Kids.
5. **District Governor Lovett Comments.** The DG asked about the Club's use of social media and public relations and RYLA. The DG was provided clarification of global grant position. District Awards are being changed – streamlining the process

and being more inclusive. The DG suggested the Club did very well to attain international recognition in the prior fiscal year, with more information to come.

Mike C closed the meeting.

6. Next Meeting Date: TBD

7. Meeting adjourned: 7:18 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

/Eric A. Moore/
Secretary
November 20, 2018