Minutes

Merced Sunrise Rotary

Board Meeting of May 18, 2016

Meeting convened at 5:30 PM

Members Present: Cathy Paskin, Galen Chastain, Tim O’Neill, Theresa Cesar, Dortha Chu, Butch Hughes, Mike Cuchna

Members Absent: Stuart Rawling, Rich Miller, Bob Casey, Mark Lutz

Guests Present: Alan Arnold

Approval of Agenda: M/S/C O’Neill, Cuchna

Approval of Minutes of 5-11-16 Board Meeting: M/S/C Cesar, Cuchna

Leadership Reports

**President:** Cathy summarized the FOH grant request by reporting that the committee had approved $6,250. Since there have been verbal requests for 4 other grants, the deadline has been extended to May 31, 2016. Rich Miller has met with City Planning and has also reported to the City Council regarding our progress and current status insofar as Honoring Our Veterans is concerned. A meeting with Susan Walsh has been scheduled for Monday, May 23rd at 9 AM. Some discussion followed regarding an alternative proposal that Theresa proposed for consideration.

**President-Elect:** Absent

**Vice President:** Betsy announced that the Technical Education Awards will be given to two Merced College Students next Friday and that Dan Taylor would provide the program on May 27th. Betsy threw out for consideration the concept of recognizing each member on June 24th for some aspect of their Rotary service. After some discussion, Mike Altomare recapped by suggesting that each board member highlight what s/he has accomplished this Rotary year. Alan suggested that we consider July 1 as the date for the Kick Out party.

**Treasurer:** On Rich’s behalf, Mike Altomare distributed the Treasure’s report and made a few comments thereon. He announced that there will be an $11 annual dues increase imposed by RI and District 5220 beginning July 1, 2016 followed by modest increases for the successive three years. M/S/C Mike, Theresa, to increase dues by $11 for the 2016-17 Rotary year. Regarding any increase in the local club dues to offset any potential deficit in the operations budget, Mike opined that it would not be necessary. After a brief discussion regarding how to handle the $5,000 budgeted for this year’s RI convention, M/S/C Theresa/Tim, to transfer $5,000 into next year’s budget for use in some aspect of International Service. Alan Arnold provided the board with a written report of the Audit Committee and summarized its recommendations orally. The board accepted the report with grateful acknowledgement to the committee for its work in preparing the report. The full report is attached herewith.

**Secretary:** Galen announced that Mark Lutz had proposed Elizabeth Capehart for membership. M/S/C Chastain, Cuchna. Galen also shared three club reports regarding membership history and attendance patterns.

**Activity Reports**

**Community:** Dortha reported that she would be carrying over certain aspects of her projects at the Boys and Girls Club to the 2016-17 Rotary year. In the discussion that followed, Altomare stressed the importance of clearly earmarking any carry over dollars so as to prevent any perception of an inflated budget for that project in the succeeding year. With regard to her Playhouse project, Dortha announced that in lieu of the playhouse, she will designate the conservatory as the beneficiary.

**Vocational:** Tim announced that he will make a presentation on Vocational Service at one of the breakout sessions at the May 21st District Leadership Assembly. He also announced that this Friday, two Technical Education Awards will be given to two deserving Merced College Students, not to exceed $500 each as reimbursement for tools they have purchased for their particular technical field of endeavor. The final Thirsty Thursday was successfully held last Thursday. On June 10, the final vocational service tour will be conducted at Kellogg Supply.

**International:** Theresa suggested that we might consider having a suggestion box, either on line or by written form, the purpose being to gather input from the membership for ideas to promote community service, youth service, etc. She summarized various aspects of grant dollars and how global grant dollars will be allocated. She announced that Every Last Child project netted $300.

**Club:** Mike announced that all aspects of club service are moving along in a very satisfactory manner. He affirmed that he was already working with Gina Cherf, next year’s Club Service Director, to assure a smooth transition. He assured the board that he was already working on his assignment for next year and will ask each board member to arrange for at least one of the weekly programs.

**Youth**: Butch mentioned that the American Legion was in need of a donation to subsidize its summer baseball program and asked if some of the FOH money could be used. The consensus was that Legion baseball was once removed from benefiting veterans, thereby making it ineligible for FOH dollars. Butch also asked if the board had ever considered asking other merchants besides Target, e.g. Kohls or JC Penney’s, what they would offer to do for us to support Youth Services. A brief discussion followed, but no consensus was reached.

**Foundation Update:** No Report

**Next Meeting Date:** June 15, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM M/S/ C Chu, Cuchna

Respectfully Submitted,

Galen Chastain

Secretary