Minutes

Merced Sunrise Rotary

Board Meeting of September 15, 2015

Meeting convened at 5:33 PM

Members Present: Cathy Paskin, Theresa Cesar, Betsy Donavan, Tim O’Neill, Rich Miller, Paul Fregene, Dortha Chu, Mike Cuchna, Mark Lutz

Members Absent: Galen Chastain, Bob Casey

Guests Present: Sheena Truong, acting Secretary

Approval of Agenda: M/S/C

Approval of Minutes of 8/10 M/S/C

**Leadership Reports**

**President:** A discussion was held regarding speakers who are making a request for funding. To allocate stipends for such speakers, it was suggested that a form be created and available in the Rotary box at Paul’s. The form can be given to guest speaker and later used during budget development for the following fiscal year. Betsy asked that rather than doing this, she will include the form in her thank you notes to the speakers.

**Vice President:** Betsy reported that two schools, Cruickshank and Rivera, were visited for the Literacy Program and Sunrise Rotary members were present to read “What Do You Do With An Idea.” Each school held a contest for students who participated in the Literacy event and prizes were awarded at each school for first, second and third place @ $100,$50 and $20 respectively. It was pointed out that there was not enough money in the operating budget to fund the entire $340 for prize money. A motion was made to adjust the budget by transferring $220 from the scholarship account to support the Literacy program. M/S/C Rich/Tim. Membership approval is required for budget transfers. This issue will be voted upon at the September 18th weekly meeting.

**President-Elect: Absent**

**Treasurer:** M/S/C Rich/Mike C. to create the positon of Chief Financial Officer (CFO). M/S/C Rich/Tim to designate Mike Altomare as the CFO. These board actions will need to be ratified by the general membership. Rich passed out specific portions of the budget that pertains to each Director’s area of responsibility. Rich is heading up a by-laws committee to determine needed changes therein, the committee members being Sam, Tim and Mike C.

**Secretary: Absent**

**Activity Reports**

**FOH Report:** Considerable time was devoted to a discussion regarding the allocation of funds to various project that are derived from the FOH event e.g. whether or not to fund a statue for Veterans Stadium at Golden Valley High School.To promote the FOH, Dave Luna will do multiple 1.5 minute radio spots. Roger Wood and Cub Country will also assist us with radio spots. It was suggested that Cathy or Theresa do the radio interview. There was also a discussion regarding the honor flight dinner coming up on October 11th, the purpose being to raise funds for the honor flight on October 19th. The outcome was to pass a motion to contribute $1,000 for the honor flight, M/S/C Rich, Tim

**Community:** Dortha reported that she had made contact with Playhouse Merced and Merced Theatre in an effort to join with them in community service projects. Theresa reported that Eric, Cathy, Mike C., Marc and Dortha will work at the BBQ for the Homeless Connect event.

**Vocational:** Tim reminded the board that the first of the fall Thirsty Thursday events will be held at the Branding Iron on October 1st from 5:30PM until 7PM. He also reported that he is working on a fall vocational tour at Label Technology.

**International:** Theresa announced that Paul Fregene will be the Assistant Director for International Service. She said that both she and Paul have attended the District Grant Committee meeting and that they are now looking forward to writing grants, a meeting for which will be held September 24th. There is a need to raise $10,000 to obtain a match of $5.000 from RI. Sunrise has $3,000, Madera committed $2,000 so their challenge is to raise another $5,000 through other Area 8 clubs. Theresa further stressed the need to increase the amount of money we are raising (one-third of which are returned to us three years later) so that we have funds available to us through the District Designated Fund that is supported by Rotary International.

**Club Service:** Mike reported that the website is in a perpetual state of being updated. The New Member Information form is now active and available on the website. Currently working on a form for change of address in case a member moves.

**Youth:**Mark announced that Butch Hughes will partner with Bob Casey in Sports for Youth endeavors. RYLA will be on November 19th this year. The Clothes for Kids will be conducted at Target on December 5th. Date for Speech contest has not been announced by District Director Mike Sousa. Though not germane to Youth Services, a discussion ensued regarding DG’s request for clubs to contribute toward the costs for decorating the Rotary float that will be entered in the Rose Bowl parade. After a lengthy discussion and the recognition that nothing had been allocated for this purpose in the current year’s budget no action was taken except a suggestion to place this appropriation as a line item in next year’s budget.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, October 12, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM M/S/C Tim, Mike

Respectfully Submitted,

Galen Chastain

(Minutes prepared from notes provided by Sheena Truong)