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**Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise &
Merced Sunrise Rotary Club Charity**
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Date: September 19, 2017
Time: 5:30PM
Location: 5671 Carmela Court, Merced
Members Present: Mike Altomare (P), Eric Moore (S), Rich Miller (T), Mike Cuchna (PE), Pope Lawrence (VP), Donald Barclay (Vocational Service Director), Steve Benner (Community Service Director), Butch Hughes (Youth Service Director), Regina Cherf (Club Service Director)
Members Absent: Douglas Forte (International Service Director), Bob Casey (IPP)
Guests: Alan Arnold (Membership Chair), Ruth Alejo
Reference: General Monthly Board Meeting

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Mike A.
2. **Roll Call:** As listed above.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** M/S/C, Rich, Mike C, Aye.
4. **Approval August 16, 2017 Board Minutes:** M/S/C, Rich, Don, Aye.
5. **Leadership Reports**
 - A. **President.**
 1. **Scheduled Absences.** Mike A will miss the September 22 meeting per prior notice. All meetings are covered.
 2. **Programs.** Pope is in charge with the remaining 2017 calendar having a few openings left.
 3. **Rotaract Purchase.** The Club has been requested to purchase a \$661 custom sunshade from Tim and ImageMasters for the UC Merced Rotartact Club. The Board discussed and approved on a vote. M/S/C, Mike C, Butch, Aye.
 4. **Anti-Human Trafficking Project.** The Club is coordinating with local law enforcement agencies, having met with Merced PD and looking to a Sheriff meeting soon for any local training and informational outreach.
 5. **Membership.** Mike A emphasized that the Club finalized its Corporate Membership Application in hopes its marketing may attract former and

new members. FFA, various primary schools and larger organizations are prime candidates. The Club is also losing material board members Rich and Steve B in the near future and must select new board members to take on these important roles.

6. **District Governor Meeting.** The Club will entertain District Governor Ray Caparros at Theresa's home for the October 5 Board Meeting and October 6 at the Club Meeting. A meeting will also be held with the UC Merced Rotaract Club, which has never happened before. All membership is encouraged to attend. Ray will stay overnight at Theresa's home. Foundation goal is \$175 per member this year. The Zone is also searching for six "sustainable clubs" to try new recruiting methods.

B. Treasurer.

1. **Financial Report.** No Report.

C. Secretary.

1. **New Members Nomination.** The Club received two applications for membership. The Board discussed and approved for the Membership Committee to discuss the matter pending a seven day Club consideration period. This matter should be fully resolved by the next board meeting.
2. **Update Bylaws.** Eric will present certain minor by-law amendments in December since the Field of Honor project is in full-swing.

D. President-Elect.

1. **Needs Assessment.** An RFP was drafted to enable the Club to conduct local independent research to support future Club projects.
2. **Vice President.** December is the deadline to select this new officer. The Bob Casey, the IPP, shall form a selection committee.
3. **District Grant Training.** Mike C attended and imparted some wisdom on this arcane District function. A general feature of District operations includes a provision that 50% of all grants shall be international. If the District sees a club short-fall in this area, they reserve the right to take back "local" grant allocations from clubs. The Club routinely avoid this crisis by dividing grants into local and international equally.

E. Vice President. No report.

6. Activity Reports

A. Club Service/Administration.

1. **Membership Report.** Alan stated Steve H would like to use the Corporate Membership process to bring in people under his leadership at Merced Adult School. A similar process is underway at Merced High School.

2. **Chair List from Directors.** Gina is working through DACdb to generate better organization updates.
 3. **Fellowship Chair.** Gina will create a Fellowship Chair to take over formal event and travel planning from Community Service.
- B. **International Service.** No Report.
1. **Foundation Update.** No report.
- C. **Youth Service.**
1. **Clothes for Kids.** The project is progressing as normal.
 2. **Little League Project.** Butch is assertively pursuing this project with a third meeting planned for early October. Butch has been able to compel the City to work with regional producer and developer Greg Hostetler to provide certain earth resurfacing services to the existing city parks. The central idea is how to expand capacity at the existing Merced Youth Sports Complex and Merced in general in order to reach more players in varied age groups.
 3. **Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce – Junior Leadership.** Butch stated the Chamber is looking for donations for their Junior Leadership program. The Club plans on making a \$100-250 donation upon official review and re-budgeting some items. M/S/C Butch, Gina, Aye. The Club will wait seven days before final vote.
 4. **RYLA.** October 27 begins an interview process at Merced high School.
- D. **Vocational Service.**
1. **Vocational Tours.** Don has the Club prioritizing visits. The first priority is a visit to the UC Project 2020 site. Don is also investigating conducting a Club field trip to the UC Merced/Sierra Nevada Research Institute, Yosemite Field Station. This may also become a Foundation fundraiser as well.
- E. **Community Service.**
1. **Field of Honor.** Steve B has 16 dedicated groups under his supervision. Steve leaves the Club having done a major task of reorganizing the entire service category. It is possible Ruth may take-over Steve B's heroic efforts.
 2. **Veterans Bridge.** Steve did due diligence to place bronze plaques at the new bridge over Bear Creek – building on the Club's success with Veterans Boulevard.
- F. **Ad Hoc Charitable Projects.** No Report.

Next Meeting Date: 5:30 PM, October 5 at Theresa's.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02PM. M/S/C Rich, Don, Aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

/Eric A. Moore/

Secretary

September 30, 2017