

# Rotary



**Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise &  
Merced Sunrise Rotary Club Charity  
Zone 26, District 5220, Area 8, Club 22798  
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**Date:** March 12, 2020  
**Time:** 6:00PM  
**Location:** Doncaster Court, Merced  
**Roll Call:**

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Title/Charge</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Pope Lawrence	President	X	
Doug Forte	President Elect	X	
Eric Moore	Vice President	X	
Mike Cuchna	Past President	X	
Eric Moore	Secretary	X	
Cristian Lopez	Treasurer	X	
<b>Director</b>			
Robert Garcia	Community	X	
Steve Hobbs	Vocational	X	
Sam Traina	Club	X	
Regina Cherf	International	X	
Butch Hughes	Youth		X
<b>Chair</b>			
Karla Seijas	Membership	X	
Donald Barclay	Foundation	X	
Sara Fleszar	Field of Honor		X
Michael Pavlović	Field of Honor		X

**Guests:** Robert McGhee, Dewayne Young

**Reference:** Monthly Board Meeting

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Pope.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** M/S/C, Sam/Mike C/Aye.
- 3. Approval of Prior Minutes:** M/S/C, Eric/Don/Aye.

#### 4. Leadership Reports.

##### A. Treasurer.

1. **Current Financial Statements.** No Balance Sheets provided. Combined Budget verses Actual Income Statement (Cash Basis) provided. A Field of Honor Profit & Loss Since Conception (Accrual Basis) report provided. Some financial notes provided. As of March 11, 2020, Charity bank account is stated to have a balance of \$141,528.28. Restricted FOH funds are purported to be \$87,062.85, post \$25,000 reserve nets \$62,062.85 available funds under FOH. Unrestricted Charity monies available for granting purposes is \$40,020.43 calculated as \$54,465.43 minus the \$14,445.00 still unallocated from the current budget. Based upon this information provided by Cristian the Board considered pending grant requests. Cristian does have electronic access to the bank accounts. Eric requested that a balance sheet and income statement be submitted next month for the Operations and Charity entities.

##### B. President Elect.

1. **Shrimp Feed Cancellation.** The Board previously postponed Shrimp Feed per a special meeting based upon COVID-19 and certain State directives. Based upon new information, the Board decided to officially cancel the Feed and dispatch members and officers to commence a refund or cash donation program and finalize all related accounting through Don and Pope. M/S/C, Sam/Mike C/Aye. The Club may consider one or more fundraisers in the future as permitted.

##### C. Club Service.

1. **Pending Grant Requests.** Mike C prepared a report to Sam of funded and pending grant requests outside the approved budget. [Attachment A] The report is divided into two parts; a \$21,166 pool of restricted FOH grant requests and an unrestricted \$6,000 pool of grant requests. All these requests fall outside the existing approved budget and require Board approval. Some of these requests have been waiting since August 2019.

- a. **FOH Grants.** This Fund has an estimated \$62,000 balance. The Board reviewed and approved the following; M/S/C, Sam/Steve/Aye.

<u>Entity</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
American Legion Post 83	Operations	\$2,000
Castle Air Museum	Capital Improvements	\$5,000
VFW CA District 13	Honor Guard	\$1,000
Merced Running Club	Run with Heroes 2020	\$1,000
Central Valley Honor Flight	Honor Flight to DC x3	\$4,500
American Legion Post 83	Firefighter of the Year	\$2,000
Merced Fire Dept	Gift Cards	<u>\$1,000</u>
		\$16,500

b. **Unrestricted Grants.** This Fund has an estimated \$40,000 balance. Based upon the current uncertainty of the Shrimp Feed fundraising, COVID-19 and next year's budget, the Board decided to suspend any additional grant requests outside of the approved budget. M/S/C, Eric/Steve/Aye.

2. **Unspent Budgets Consideration.** Sam made a motion that all Service Directors review their own budgets within two weeks and otherwise determine if any monies can be conserved and made available for the next fiscal year use. M/S/C, Sam/Mike C/Aye.

**D. President.**

1. **Speech Contest.** Pope received a request from the District Governor for another judge for March 21. Pope will attend.

2. **Member Dues and Charity.** Pope explained a member-specific accounting issue. There is some confusion between what is considered an "operation" and what is considered "charity" and how to book that revenue properly. The matter is technical in nature and compounded by the rules by and between IRC 501c3 and 501c4 and what benefit a member derives from Rotary. A CPA may need to be consulted. Sam made a motion to defer related decision making for the next fiscal year. M/S/C, Sam/Pope/Aye.

**E. Secretary.**

1. **District Awards Questionnaire.** Eric circulated some questions to the Board to turn into the District for consideration.

2. **Annual Citation Award.** Eric circulated the current status and asked for feedback.

**F. Immediate Past President.**

1. **Rotaract Club.** Mike C stated Rotaract is canceling their events per COVID-19. Sam, Mike C and Karla wanted to send a letter and acknowledge their extraordinary leadership this year.

**G. Vice President.** No Report.

**H. Community Service.**

1. **Rotary Community Corps.** Robert and RCC have been approached to conduct City Council district goodwill events. The intention is for RCC to conduct an annual community event in each district every year. This is seen as a RCC community recruiting event directed at improving neighborhoods. RCC is also working with on a elder project called Senior Lifeline to support the aged if the COVID-19 matter expands. There are material quality of life and healthcare matters in play that the community may be under-prepared to address. RCC is also in discussions with Art Hop and other local artists for a summer project.

**I. Vocational Services.**

1. **Vocational Visit.** Steve has a vocational visit scheduled for April third with Merced Fire Department.

**J. International Service.**

1. **Kiva.** Gina has a \$2,300 balance available and encourages others to help select recipients.
2. **Hearts a Fire.** This program is back online and \$1,000 has been paid.

**K. Youth Service.**

1. **Hall of Fame.** In Butch's absence Gina thought the matter is still unpaid due to postponement.

- L. Membership.** Karla wanted to send cards to sick or missing members. Eric will provide Karla with materials.

- M. Foundation.** No report.

5. **Next Meeting Date:** April 9, 2020, 6PM, Doncaster, Merced

6. **Pope adjourned the Meeting:** 7:51PM

Respectfully Submitted,

/Eric A. Moore/

Secretary (Acting)

April 8, 2020

Merced Sunrise Rotary Grant Requests as of 13 February 2020

Source	Received	Requestor	Event	AmtRequested <sup>2000</sup>	Status	Running Total
FOH	1-Aug-19	<del>Merced County Probation</del> American Legion	National Color Guard Competition	<del>\$2,666.00</del>	Pending	\$3,666.00
FOH	19-Sep-19	Merced County Probation	Merced County Veteran Treatment Court	\$1,500.00	Funded	\$5,166.00
FOH	22-Oct-19	Merced County Blue Star Moms	Run for the Fallen	\$2,000.00	Funded	\$7,166.00
FOH	16-Dec-19	Castle Air Museum Foundation	RV Park Upgrade	<del>\$10,000.00</del>	Pending	\$17,166.00
FOH	8-Jan-20	Buhach Colony HS Cross Country Team	Run for the Fallen	\$2,000.00	Funded	\$19,166.00
FOH	13-Jan-20	VFW CA District 13	Merced County Veterans Honor Guard	\$1,000.00	Pending	\$20,166.00
FOH	11-Feb-20	Merced Running Club	Run With Heroes 2020	\$1,000.00	Pending	\$21,166.00
FOH	15-Feb-20	Central Valley Honor Flight	Central Valley Honor Flight	<del>\$2,000.00</del>	Pending	\$24,166.00
FOH	3-Mar-20	American Legion Post 83	Merced County Firefighter of the Year	\$2,000.00	Pending	\$26,166.00
FOH	8-Mar-20	Merced Fire Dept	Gift Cards	\$1,000.00	Pending	\$27,166.00

MFOH. Sum/Steve/Age.

Source	Received	Requestor	Event	AmtRequested	Status	Running Total
MSR	24-Jul-19	Merced Youth Connect	Merced Youth Connect App	\$1,000.00	Funded	\$1,000.00
MSR	2-Aug-19	Livingston Community Group	Livingston Young Men's Conference	\$1,000.00	Funded	\$2,000.00
MSR	28-Aug-19	Atwater Rotary Club	Classroom Construction Mexico	\$1,000.00	Funded	\$3,000.00
MSR	17-Sep-19	United Way Merced County	Hmong Cultural Camp	\$1,000.00	Pending	\$4,000.00
MSR	1-Oct-19	Friends of Merced County Library	Youth Author Visit	\$1,000.00	Pending	\$5,000.00
MSR	4-Oct-19	Merced County Food Bank	Sharing the Harvest 2019	\$2,500.00	Pending	\$7,500.00
MSR	11-Oct-19	Merced Marching 100	Merced Marching 100 125th Anniversary Commission	\$2,500.00	Pending	\$10,000.00
MSR	9-Jan-20	Tri-City Youth Football & Cheer	Tri-City Bulldogs Leadership Summer Camp	\$500.00	Pending	\$10,500.00
MSR	20-Feb-20	Atwater HS Softball	Improvements to Female Athletics (Softball)	\$1,500.00	Pending	\$12,000.00

Eric/Steve/Age.