

Rotary



**Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise &
Merced Sunrise Rotary Club Charity
Zone 26, District 5220, Area 8, Club 22798
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Date: August 22, 2018
Time: 6:00PM
Location: Guinevere Court, 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
Theresa Cesar	Club		X
Regina Cherf	International	X	
Butch Hughes	Youth		X
Chair			
Alan Arnold	Membership		X
Donald Barclay	Foundation		X
Nancy Edmiston/ Dewayne Young	Field of Honor		X X

Guests: Karla Seijas

Reference: General Monthly Board Meeting

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Mike C.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** M/S/C, Pope/Robert/Aye.
- 3. Approval of July 25, 2018 Board Minutes:** M/S/C, Robert/Pope/Aye.
- 4. Leadership Reports.**
 - A. President.**

1. **Membership.** Mike C spoke about an active member's unpaid accounts and the possibility to terminate membership based upon non-payment. The Board discussed a strategy to resolve the sensitive matter under the Club Constitution and Bylaws. A complete accounting will be certified.
2. **Literacy Project.** Mike C stated September is Rotary Literacy Month. Mike reached out to Merced City School District and CASA about extended evening hours supported by Rotary reading volunteers.
3. **D Street Dinners.** Mike C brought up that Theresa is stepping away from this program. Eric suggested that Theresa bring-in the current executive director of the Dinner program to ensure continuity and not committing the Club to non-existent staffing emergencies.
4. **Yosemite Peace Symposium.** District Governor Lovett requested a general \$500 donation be made by each District club. The Board discussed and approved. M/S/C, Pope/Gina/Aye. The Board discussed the merits of paying for member attendance based upon pledging the like amount to the Annual Fund. By example, if a member wanted to attend they would donate \$260 to the Rotary Annual Fund – upon receipt the Club would pay the subject attendance fee for them. In this way, the Club compels altruism while participating in Rotary events. The Board set two people to attend, with consideration to others if the interest arises. M/S/C, Eric/Pope/Aye.
5. **Castle Air Museum Grant.** Mike C reported that he and Mike A conducted a site inspection and are satisfied all work will proceed normally. The Club issued its \$10,000 grant.
6. **Audio/Podium/Storage Update.** Mike C updated the Board that all improvements are proceeding apace starting under Alan's supervision.

B. Treasurer.

1. **Past Due Collections/Full Year Payments.** Related to the member termination for non-payment, Robert expressed an interest in streamlining the process and using a “velvet touch” going forward. Robert stated members not making four quarterly installment dues payments are saving 6%. Robert will advise and compel the Club to adopt this process to reduce costs and time.
2. **Speaker Vetting.** Robert suggested that better vetting of speakers and their topics might be needed in the future.

C. Secretary.

1. **New Member Prospects.** Eric announced three people have been nominated for active membership. The Board discussed the merits and approved the Membership Committee to move forward. M/S/C, Eric*/Pope/Gina/Robert/Aye.

2. **FY18 Secretary Report.** Eric generated an annual report on the Club activities and asked for amendments. The report will be posted on the website.
3. **Veterans Day Regional Site Approval.** Briefly, the Club was noticed that the VA was officially supporting the Field of Honor. How that manifests is unknown and contingent upon VA action.

D. **Immediate Past President.** No report.

E. **President Elect.** No Report.

F. **Vice President.** No Report.

G. **Club Service.** No Report.

1. **District Governor October Visit.** Theresa plans to host DG Lovett at her home in October with a dinner meeting.
2. **Christmas Party.** The Club will continue the “white elephant” program.
3. **Annual Audit.** Theresa is forming the FY17-18 audit committee to be completed in late fall.

H. **International Service.** No Report.

I. **Youth Service.** No Report.

J. **Vocational Services.** Mike C stated Steve is working on a UC Merced visit.

K. **Community Service.**

1. **FOH Grants.**

- a. **Run for the Fallen.** Ruth stated the Run for the Fallen was commencing soon. Ruth had some logistical issues, but anticipated Mike A arrival will solve matters. The Club will takeover the event next year and take receipt of all event assets at this year's conclusion.

Mike C closed the meeting.

5. **Next Meeting Date:** TBA

6. **Meeting adjourned:** 7:48 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

/Eric A. Moore

Secretary

September 15, 2018