

# Rotary



**Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise &  
Merced Sunrise Rotary Club Charity  
Zone 26, District 5220, Area 8, Club 22798  
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**Date:** February 13, 2018  
**Time:** 5:32PM  
**Location:** Little Taste of India Restaurant, Merced  
**Roll Call:**

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Title/Charge</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mike Altomare	President	X	
Mike Cuchna	President Elect	X	
Pope Lawrence	Vice President	X	
Bob Casey	Past President		X
Eric Moore	Secretary		X
Theresa Cesar	Treasurer		X
<b>Director</b>			
Ruth Alejo	Community	X	
Donald Barclay	Vocational		X
Regina Cherf	Club	X	
Douglas Forte	International	X	X
Butch Hughes	Youth		X
<b>Chair</b>			
Alan Arnold	Membership		X
Frank Reed	Foundation		X

**Guests:** NA

**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, Pope, Doug, Aye.
- 4. Approval Previous Board Minutes:** M/S/C, Gina, Doug, Aye.

5. **Approval of Financial Statement:** M/S/C, Mike C, Pope, Aye.

6. **Leadership Reports.**

**A. President.**

1. **Club Competition/District Awards.** Mike A handed out to each Director at the meeting their outline for the District Award.
2. **Human Trafficking.** Mike A spoke about the Without Permission dinner he attended with the following people. Mike C, Doug from Sunrise Rotary and Mary-Michal Rawlings and Denise Gallagher from Soroptimist. There was some discussion about planning a future round table meeting.
3. **Membership and Leave of Absence Dues.** Mike A stated we are going to be at 44 with Cristian and Kurt coming on board, but would like to be at 46. Membership must be at the forefront of each member as we see new prospects. We are going to continue to talk to Norm about returning to our club. A Motion was made to change the fee schedule [Bylaws – Article 6 FEES AND DUES & Article 11§1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE] for members who request a leave of absence, as follows.

*“If a member asked for a leave of absence the dues paid during the leave of absence would only be for the RI and District dues, we would not charge the member for the cost the meal while on their leave of absence”* M/S/C Pope, Gina, Aye.

4. **Budget Spending Plan for Remainder of Year.** Mike A wants to make sure the directors are focused on their projects, are there other projects we may want to look at funding possibly. We have money, if the project has merit, lets talk about funding it.

B. **Treasurer.** No Report.

C. **Secretary.** No Report.

D. **Immediate Past President.** No Report.

**E. President Elect.**

1. **Shrimp Feed.** Mike C stated that everyone and everything seems to be flowing along and sees no issues at this point.
2. **Incoming Board.** Next years board of directors is shaping up and Mike C only has one more person to contact and confirm.
3. **PETS.** Mike C attended a Pre-PETS meeting last Thursday to start his preparation for taking over as Club President - meeting went well. He also indicated that the upcoming Assistant Governor was present at the PETS meeting - Stuart Rawlings from Merced Sunrise Rotary.

**F. Vice President.** Life is good, No Report

**G. Club Service.**

1. **No Report.** Gina didn't have a report, had to leave early.
2. **Fellowship.** Mike A spoke about a possible fellowship at his home in the near future. Discussion to be continued.

**H. International Service.**

1. **International Budget.** Doug indicated the possibility of rolling over the Foundation Grant money into next year.
2. **Foundation.** No Report.

**I. Youth Service.** Butch Hughes – Not in attendance.

1. **“Every 15 Minutes”** Gina spoke about the “Every 15 Minutes” program at Merced High School. This is a continuation of the presentation made by the MUHSD Student Body reps at the February 9<sup>th</sup> regular morning meeting. Gina has a proposed budget providing dollar amounts needed to put the event on. Motion was made to spend \$500 dollars toward the event at Merced High. M/S/C Gina, Pope, Aye. Another Motion was made to Amend the amount to \$900 M/S/C Mike A, Pope, Aye.
2. **RYLA.** Mike spoke about the possible need for another driver for the RYLA event.
3. **Boys & Girls Club.** Mike A. had received an email from Michelle Allison that the Boys & Girls Club was reorganizing to a regional organization, but the money that is raised during their fundraiser would stay in Merced. The options for sponsorship for their next fundraiser is \$500 for a copper level. We have in our budget \$500 so we will plan on donating to this fundraiser at the copper level. [A motion was conducted, but not recorded.]

**J. Vocational Service.** No Report.

1. Mike A. spoke about trying to do a possible morning vocational tour of the Venture Lab sometime in the future. Possibly doing some mentoring while there.

**K. Community Service.**

1. **Livescan.** Ruth mentioned that she would be willing to do Livescans at a minimal fee or free for those in the club needing this service for activities involving Rotary.
2. **FOH Grant Review.** Because of the success of the Field of Honor (FOH), Merced Sunrise has made available to local organizations and events the possibility of receiving one of the ten (10) \$1000 grants. Only one (1) \$1000

grant will be available per application. The following grant applications were received from the following groups or events for review.

1. ***Boots in Action.*** Organization Contact: Karla Seijas. (club member)  
Grant Purpose: to help Vets make contacts and hopefully form a network of good fellowship and information about their needs. M/S/C Doug, Gina, Aye.  
Discussion was to made to give Karla the possibility to come back to the board and allow Karla to increase her request with a more detailed budget for the event. Pending FOH grant committee approval of the increase.
2. ***Run for the Fallen.*** Organization Contact: Anita Richards. Grant Purpose: A Run to help the Fallen soldiers lost in the battle field serving our Country who are from our community. Also support the Gold Star Families of our area. M/S/C Doug, Mike C, Aye.
3. ***VFW CA District 13 Honor Guard.*** Organization Contact: Kenneth Henn. Grant Purpose: to help purchase uniforms and defray fuel expenses and meal cost as they travel not only within the different areas of our county but also the twice a month trip to the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery. M/S/C Mike C, Gina, Aye. Discussion: Gina requested that the FOH committee ask for a detailed breakdown of what the expenses were covered by this grant. There was also a correction noted on the application sheet reviewed by the board for this grant. The line titled "Total Cost of Project" was shown as \$100 dollars and was corrected to show \$1000. All board members present approved the correction.
4. ***Stone Ridge Christian School.*** Organization Contact: Garrett Martin. Grant Purpose: to do community service outreach, ie. Air Museum, Merced Police and Fire Department, Merced Zoo and other areas of Merced. Board moved to table this application until further clarification as to how the moneys are to be spent in accordance with the criteria set forth in the grant application.

**8. Next Meeting Date: TBA**

**9. Meeting adjourned: 6:42 PM**

Submitted by:

/Doug Forte/  
(Acting Secretary for the Meeting)  
February 13, 2018