

Minutes

Merced Sunrise Rotary

Board Meeting of July 20, 2016

Meeting convened at 5:30 PM

Members Present: Galen Chastain, Dortha Chu, Butch Hughes, Mike Cuchna, Bob Casey, Doug Forte, Donald Barclay, Gina Cherf, Mike Altomare

Members Absent: Theresa Cesar

Guests Present: Elizabeth Capehart, Ross Simonet

Approval of Agenda: M/S/C Cuchna, Altomare

Approval of Minutes of 6-22-16 Board Meeting: M/S/C Casey, Cuchna

Leadership Reports

President: Bob asked Ross to report on FOH funding. Ross wanted to know if the funds had been dispersed. Mike A. said they had not yet been dispersed. After a general discussion regarding issues surrounding the means by which the funds were approved by the club, it was generally agreed that they had been approved for dispersal, albeit uncertain as to precisely how they had been approved. In any case, Mike A. said that he would disperse the funds in accordance with the FOH committee's recommendations.

President-Elect: Mike passed out two budgets, one for general operation side of the club and one for the charities side of the club. Board members were given an opportunity to peruse both budgets. Mike provided clarifications and amplifications where needed. In response to questions about the Shrimp Feed budget, Bob explained that he had met with each Service Director to get a handle on what each one wanted to budget for 2016-17. A cursory review of the budgeting protocol was given to each Director. In response to a question from

Elizabeth regarding impromptu requests, Mike A. explained how we responded to a recent Chamber event. Bob added that sometimes dollars budgeted in one category are re-allocated to another category due to the existence of unused funds in a given category.

Vice President: Mike reported that he had already scheduled programs through September 2nd, but that due to the DG cancellation, he was still seeking a program for Friday June 22nd. A general discussion ensued regarding Butch's proposal to have Skimmers provide the program since we were donating money toward their program. Galen raised objection to the preponderance of programs provided by groups or individuals who are soliciting a donation. Mike A. voiced his support of such programs as are provided by The Rescue Mission and Crime Fighters. Butch voiced his opposition to simply handing out money without inviting the recipient to a meeting to justify the donation. No consensus appeared to be in sight, so Bob said he would take the concerns under advisement and work with Mike to provide a healthy balance to our programs.

Treasurer: No Report.

Secretary: Galen expressed his concern about the extensive absences of Michelle Allison and Sheena Truong and asked if they had paid their dues or if RI dues had been paid for them. Mike A. said he would check and opined that RI dues had not yet been paid for either member.

Activity Reports

Community: No Report

Vocational: Donald reported that he was exploring several options for visits to local businesses, e.g. U.C. Merced Electron Microscope, a Firehouse, Derby's Printing Press, Big Creek Lumber or Foster Farms. He will launch a survey to seek member input to determine preferences.

International: Doug passed out several information sheets regarding district grant mechanisms. He explained some of the new procedures for grant applications and opined that nothing is simple about them. He spent some time advocating for a project in Uganda to provide a water well for one of 9 wells proposed by the Service Project Director at the Kasangati Rotary Club, Moses Ssebagala. Moses is asking for \$1,750 at this time. Bob offered some of the President's reserved if needed. Doug stated that when Moses returns for a visit to Merced he recommends that we gather to determine the extent to which we are willing to support the Kasangati Club.

Club: Gina reported that she is seeking volunteers to fill in the various subparts of the Club Service domain.

Youth: Butch asked Mike if he wanted Skimmers to provide the program on Friday. It was decided that we should invite the Skimmers representative to visit, but that s/he be limited to a 5 minute talk. There was a brief discussion regarding the introduction of a Girls' Softball All Star game. The reception to the idea was favorable. Butch will pursue.

Foundation Update: Bob summarized the history of our participation in the "Every Rotarian Every Year" program.

Next Meeting Date: August 24, 1016, 5:30 PM at Galen's home

Meeting adjourned summarily at 7:13PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Galen Chastain

Secretary

