

Rotary



**Rotary Club of Merced Sunrise &
Merced Sunrise Rotary Club Charity
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Date: February 13, 2020
Time: 6:00PM
Location: Doncaster Court, Merced
Roll Call:

Officer	Title/Charge	Present	Absent
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	
Director			
Robert Garcia	Community	X	
Steve Hobbs	Vocational	X	
Sam Traina	Club		X
Regina Cherf	International	X	
Butch Hughes	Youth		X
Chair			
Karla Seijas	Membership	X	
Donald Barclay	Foundation	X	
Sara Fleszar	Field of Honor		X
Michael Pavlović	Field of Honor		X

Guests:

Reference: Monthly Board Meeting

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

4. Leadership Reports.

A. President.

1. **District Conference.** Pope updated the Board about the April 24-26 event. Doug and Mike C are the official voting delegates for District business.
2. **Finances.** Pope informed the Board of his interest to "activate" the Audit Committee as part of the transition between this fiscal year and the next and the migration of bookkeeping services and data. The members of Audit have not been selected, nor has any scope of work been outlined. Pope sees the Board taking action on this in the future.
3. **Budget.** Pope expressed his interest to limit future "rollovers" of unspent allocations to future years. The Audit Committee may help in this effort.

B. Treasurer.

1. **Current Financial Statements.** Unavailable.
2. **Pending Grant Questions.** There exists a need to reconcile outstanding allocations with new requests. Pope asserted a future quarterly report by Sam or the pending Grants Panel may assist this need. Doug described how it is Directors' responsibilities to get monies spent. Steve wanted to know the process to add money to his allocations - like raising scholarships. Pope thought he could act independently with his Presidential Discretionary Fund, or as Doug pointed out a new grant request could be entertained along with the others. Gina also thought it appropriate to transfer her un-used allocations to another Director's needs.
3. **Pending Grant Requests.** Cristian did bring to the Board's attention un-approved grant requests.
 - a. **Castle Air Museum RV Park.** \$10,000. Having no other material or known competing requests, Eric motioned to use MFOH monies to upgrade veteran/volunteer services integral to the museum. Mike C seconded, but then stated that he reviewed the Charity website and discovered several pending MFOH grants not known to the Board. Mike C thought there existed an equal number of MFOH grants and normal grants, with this grant being the only one presented. Under these circumstances, the Board considered the current motion. M/S/C, Eric/Mike C/**Nay**. (Eric/Robert G voted Aye. Gina/Don/Pope Abstained.) The Board may re-consider the matter when it obtains more information on all pending grant requests.
 - b. **Other Requests.** Per a motion from Steve, no further grants will be heard until a report is generated including all current and outstanding requests and the Board understands how much money is available to prudently spend. M/S/C, Steve/Karla/Aye. Mike C will prepare a report based upon information submitted through the website.

4. **Current State of Financial Affairs.** The general condition of Club/Charity financial affairs was brought-up by Doug. Mike C explained the Club has two laptop computers - one used for weekly presentations and another dedicated to bookkeeping. A 2009 version of Quickbooks is currently used and is planned to be upgraded in the near future. A USB drive is available to transfer accounting information. Eric wanted to follow-up from the prior Board discussions. Eric asked Cristian if he was in possession of all accounting records yet - he was not. Pope mentioned there are additional accounting records in a storage unit. Eric asked Cristian if he was still reliant upon Altomares for bookkeeping services - yes and was still unsure when a change may occur. Eric asked if there was a meeting with a proposed CPA about bidding migration work and training work, per the prior Board orders - no meeting or bids were obtained. Eric asked if Pope or Cristian had access to bank statements or access to the bank accounts online - no from both Officers. Only Altomares have access to the bank accounts. No bank statements or correspondence have ever been received at the current Club/Charity PO box. Ron has been appointed to be the Treasurer next year. Doug made the comment that the Board still has no reliable estimate of what out-sourcing bookkeeping services may cost the Club and membership if it engages Stapp Accountancy.

C. Secretary.

1. **New Member Nominations.** Eric brought to the Board two applications to move through the nomination process. M/S/C, Eric/Doug/Aye.

D. Immediate Past President.

1. **TGTSFO Party.** Mike C will make plans as the event ends.
2. **Rotaract Club.** Mike C stated the Club started at two, then 19 and now 41 members with material projects - Rise Against Hunger and elections in swing. An Area mentorship program may come about as well.
3. **Marble Game.** Mike C has rules now that the pot is reaching higher levels.

E. Vice President.

1. **Speakers.** Eric asked for feedback on speakers and the speaker schedule. Members will bring forward ideas as always.
2. **Audit Committee.** Eric offered to assist the Audit function if or when it has a mandate.

F. President Elect.

1. **Shrimp Feed.** Doug has a meeting planned soon. The Club is missing important knowledge and experience this year.

G. Club Service. No Report.

H. **Community Service.**

1. **Future Fundraisers.** Robert spoke about Doug's comments at the prior Shrimp Feed organizational meeting wherein there is an opportunity for future service Directors to not just issue grants, but also formulate their own fundraising ventures. Robert thought this insight was important and for the Club to not just rely upon a single large event for fundraising in the future.
2. **Art Hop.** Robert also mentioned Art Hop postponed its notable Downtown event, but is still a going concern and still eligible for its \$500 allocation. Art Hop will give a presentation to the Club in the near future.
3. **Rotary Community Corps.** Robert and RCC have been approached to conduct City Council district goodwill events. Two Council-members approached RCC so far. 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 financial elder abuse workshop in partnership with a local credit union and certain County Commissioners.

I. **Vocational Services.** Steve has a vocational visit scheduled for May third with Merced Fire Department. Steve wants to ensure first responders are well represented in future MFOH granting.

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 will request \$1,000 for scholarships.

K. **Youth Service.**

1. **RYLA.** In Butch's absence Gina thought rides were needed to Atwater.

L. **Membership.** Karla issued a draft FAQ to the Board for comments.

M. **Foundation.** No report.

5. **Next Meeting Date:** March 12, 2020, 6PM, Doncaster, Merced

6. **Pope adjourned the Meeting:** 7:88PM

Respectfully Submitted,
/Eric A. Moore/
Secretary (Acting)
March 11, 2020