

Rotary



Merced Sunrise Rotary Club & Charity Zone 26, Area 8, District 5220, Club 22798 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 8, 2017
Time: 5:30PM
Location: 1052 West Main Street, Merced, California
Members Present: Bob Casey (P), Mike Altomare (PE), Rich Miller (T), Mike Cuchna (VP), Eric Moore (S), Donald Barclay (Vocational Service Director), Regina Cherf (Club Service Director), Steve Benner (Community Service Director), Butch Hughes (Youth Service Director)
Members Absent: Douglas Forte (International Service Director), Cathy Paskin (IPP)
Guests: Pope Lawrence (Incoming Vice President)
Reference: General Monthly (Annual Transitional) Board Meeting

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Bob.
2. **Roll Call:** As listed above.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** M/S/C Steve, Mike A, Aye.
4. **Approval May 24, 2017 Board Minutes:** M/S/C, Rich, Mike A, Aye.
5. **Leadership Reports**
 - A. **President.**
 1. **Donations Made in the Memory of Ida Johnson.** Alan and Bob brought to the Club's attention the passing of Ida Johnson, Merced activist and wife of former member Larry Johnson. After careful deliberation and at the request of the family, the Club chose to donate \$500 to Atwater based Habitat for Humanity and \$500 to Washington DC based United Negro College Fund on two separate motions. The subject funds exist in the President's discretionary account. Habitat for Humanity M/S/C Mike C, Don, Aye. United Negro College Fund M/S/C Rich, Bob, Aye. (Butch Opposed merely on grounds funds should stay in the area.)
 2. **New Member.** A new member will be inducted June 9. The official application is still pending.

B. Treasurer.

1. **Banking Signature Authorities.** Rich and Eric M finalized the next year's bank signature authorities.
2. **Financial Report.** Rich presented a fiscal year-to-date budget and actual Income Statement and Balance Sheet for both the Club and Charity. The Board and Club members are encouraged to ask questions at any time.
3. **Annual Dues.** The Club will make every effort to pay and collect dues in a timely manner and book accordingly.

C. Secretary.

1. **Corporate Membership.** Eric M asked the board for comments or input into the proposed draft application. No comments were forthcoming.
2. **Merced County Supervisors Discretionary Funds Committee.** Eric M advised County Supervisors are creating a committee of vested area non-profits/activists to review requests for public monies. The fund might disburse as much as \$160,000 annually going forward. The deadline to apply online for the committee is June 16. Bob stated he would address the Club on the matter to generate interest.

D. President-Elect.

1. **Next Fiscal Year Budget, Assumptions & Projects.** Mike A produced an extensive summary of projects and budgets and distributed copies for comments for several weeks. The board discussed the many complex issues at length and amended as needed. M/S/C Rich, Mike C, Aye. A final budget will be presented to the Club for final comments prior to July 1.

Summary operating topics include;

- \$4 increase in dues
- Target 46 members at year end
- Special Event income and expense will net zero
- Club Service will take over Kick-out Party
- Higher budget for RI Convention
- Higher budget for President Elect Training Seminar (PETS)
- President's Discretionary Fund suspended

Summary charity topics include;

- No material changes to Shrimp Feed income or expense
- No material changes to Field of Honor income or expense
- Club may purchase a trailer for FOH operations
- Some projects reshuffled to reflect clearer Avenues of Service

- Major new projects – Welcome Signs, Community Needs Assessment, Merced College Rotaract Club
- Prospective Projects – [Stop] Human Trafficking, Merced Sunrise Golden Valley Grove, Formal Public Relations

2. **Solicitation of Business.** Mike A wanted to bring to the Club's attention the need to separate providing information at Club programs and soliciting money. It is important that the Club does not become an explicit marketing tool for members engaged in a for-profit business or other investment venture.

E. **Vice President.**

1. **New Vice President.** Pope accepted the role and is in attendance at this transitional board meeting.
2. **AV Upgrades.** The technical upgrades at Paul's Place continue with training and minor expansion in the coming months.
3. **Website.** The Club will endeavor to upgrade the Club's online presence and update member information.
4. **Needs Assessment.** The board is tasked with investigating a comprehensive Community Needs Assessment project via RFP or other solution.

6. **Activity Reports**

A. **Club Service/Administration.**

1. **Survey.** Gina had about half the Club (20) respond to the recent survey. Leadership, programs and breakfast meetings are continued highlights of Club participation. Generally speaking the Club is concerned about diversity and growth going forward. Gina will explore more in the future. There were no material surprise comments to the board with many solutions in process. The Club and Charity is fully transparent in all its activities with open meetings, posted minutes, timely accounting and a constant need for membership to get involved.
2. **Foundation Update.**
 - a. **No Report.**
3. **Membership Update.**
 - a. **No Report.**

B. **Vocational Service.**

1. **No Report.**

C. International Service.

1. **No Report.**

D. Youth Service.

1. **Little League Project.** Butch is assertively pursuing this project with a meeting with the City in June.

E. Community Service.

1. **Veterans Bridge Plaques.** Steve highlighted there is an opportunity to place bronze plaques on the new Veterans Boulevard bridge over Bear Creek commemorating the five services. Mike A suggested getting some bids because the Field of Honor has funds available once construction completes in fall 2017.

F. Ad Hoc Charitable Projects.

1. **No Report.**

Next Meeting Date: TBA

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Eric A. Moore

Secretary

June 15, 2017