



Merced Sunrise Rotary Club & Charity
Club# 22798, District #5220

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 13, 2016
Time: 5:35PM
Location: Richard Miller's (T) home, 5671 Carmela Court, Merced, California
Members Present: Bob Casey (P), Mike Altomare (PE), Mike Cuchna (VP), Rich Miller (T), Eric Moore (S), Dortha Chu (Community Service Chair), Frank Reed (Rotary Foundation Chair), Douglass Forte (International Service Chair), Francis Hughes (Youth Service Chair), Donald Barclay (Vocational Service Chair), Cathy Paskin (IPP)
Members Absent: Regina Cherf (Club Service Chair), Alan Arnold (Membership Chair)
Guests: N/A
Reference: General Monthly Board Meeting

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Bob.
2. **Roll Call** as listed above.
3. **Approval of Agenda (attached):** M/S/C Mike C, Dortha, Aye.
4. **Approval of November 15, 2016 Board Minutes:** M/S/C Cathy, Doug, Aye.
5. **Leadership Reports**
 - A. **President.**
 1. **Mid-Year Assembly.** Bob relayed that the District Assembly will be held at Merced's El Capitan HS in January 2017 and encouraged as many members to attend due to its easy access.
 2. **District Conference.** The 2107 District Conference will be held April 28-30 at Harrah's Lake Tahoe at each Rotarian's expense; \$289 (early bird), plus \$75 dinner for guests.
 - B. **President-Elect.**
 1. **Shrimp Feed.** Mike A already prepared an early 2017 Shrimp Feed start. 800 \$40 dinner tickets are available at next Club meeting for Christmas roll-out. 250 \$20 raffle tickets are part of fundraising efforts.

2. **Directors.** Mike A anticipates using Bob's directors for his term. A replacement for Rich (T) is being sought. Budgets and board should be formally resolved by February. The bylaws' CFO position may be phased-out.

C. **Vice President.**

1. **Programs.** Mike C reported that Club programs are booked for the first half of 2017 and will poll the Board for another “top five” priorities.

D. **Treasurer.**

1. **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.
2. **Breakfast Gratuity.** Picking up from the November meeting, Rich requested that Paul's Place breakfast gratuity be increased from \$40 to \$50 going forward. The Board discussed and approved. M/S/C Mike A, Frank, Aye.

E. **Secretary.**

1. **Nominate Eric Chu and Karla Seijas for Club Membership.** Based upon information provided by Alan, Eric M nominated Eric C and Karla. The Board discussed and approved. M/S/C Eric, Rich, Aye.
2. **Attendance.** Eric M brought certain members attendance and impact on Club statistics. The Board exchanged information and will work with Alan to address specific absentee members. No material action is required.

6. **Activity Reports**

A. **Community Service.**

1. **Replacement.** Dortha plans to continue with Club into early 2017. Steve Benner may be approached to serve as the new Community Service Chair after her departure and through Mike A President term next year.
2. **Salvation Army.** Dortha fully booked Salvation Army “bell-ringer” event.
3. **Homeless Dinner.** The event is canceled.
4. **Playhouse Merced.** It is unlikely the Club will work with the Merced Playhouse on a fundraiser/service event in the near future.

B. **Vocational Service.**

1. **Vocational Trips.** The next vocational trip is Foster Farms in February 2017.

C. **International Service.**

1. **Uganda Hand-Dug Water Well Project.** Doug awaits cogent administrative solutions from Ugandan Rotary to monitor the project. Additionally, money transfer/exchange solutions remain an uncertain and expensive process.

D. Club Service/Administration.

1. **Orientation Summary/Committee.** Alan issued a two page Orientation Summary for the Board's review and future Club use. Additionally, Alan formed an Orientation Committee to support new membership/spouses in their integration of Club functions and service. John Barnard, Richard Schwartz and others will assist.

E. Youth Service.

1. Steve Hobbs conducted a flag football tournament recently. Butch is looking for a local un-duplicated youth sports activity.

F. Foundation Update.

1. **100% Foundation Giving Club.** Bob, Mike A and Frank disclosed that the Club controls a pool of 27,000 Foundation Recognition Points accumulated from years of Club and Major Donor giving. The Club is allowed to transfer those points to members so all members achieve Paul Harris Fellow. A Club where all members are Paul Harris Fellows becomes a 100% Foundation or Society Giving Club – an exceptional Rotary recognition. Members receiving this benefit will then transfer the same amount of future points back to the Club as their individual giving increases over time. This initial action will “cost” the Club an estimated 14,000 points to achieve this status. The Board discussed the matter at length and concluded that; the Club will enjoy long term benefits, (new) members will likely accelerate their Foundation giving, this action is an important recruiting incentive, the subject points have no other use within Rotary. M/S/C Cathy, Doug, Aye.

Next Meeting Date: 5:30PM January 18 2016 at 5671 Carmela Court, Merced, California

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Eric A. Moore

Secretary

December 28, 2016

/Atts.

ATTACHMENTS

MERCED SUNRISE BOARD MEETING December 13, 2016

- Welcome
 - a. Approval of Agenda
 - b. Approval of minutes of November 15th meeting

- Leadership Reports
 - a. President (Casey)
 - 1. Mid Year Assembly-Jan 28th El Cap
 - 2. District Conference-April 28 – 30 2017, South Lake Tahoe, Harrah's Resort
 - b. President Elect (Altomare)
 - 1. Shrimp Feed
 - c. Vice President (Cuchna)
 - 1. Programs
 - d. Treasurer's Report (Miller)

 - e. Secretary's Report (Moore)

- Directors Activity Reports
 - a. Community (Chu)
 - 1. Replacement?
 - b. Vocational (Barclay)
 - c. International (Forte)
 - d. Club Service (Cherf)
 - e. Youth (Hughes)

- Foundation Update-Frank Reed
- Membership Updates-Alan Arnold
 - a. Next Board Meeting

January 18th?