

NON-PROFIT MEETING MINUTES FOR

RACE *for* **RESEARCH**

I. OPENING

President: Mickelina Monico

Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2025

Time: 7:00 pm (PT)

Location: Google Meet

Mickelina called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM

II. ATTENDANCE

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| ➤ Mickelina Monico | ➤ Denise DeMartini |
| ➤ Mark Monico | ➤ Theresa DeMartini |
| ➤ Angie Osborne | ➤ Nicole Dozier |
| ➤ Tori Heimlich | ➤ Kelly Monico-Love |
| ➤ Heather Pacheco | ➤ Janet Monico |
| ➤ Mary Piraro | ➤ Raio Salmon |
| ➤ Kenny Piraro | ➤ Heather Snow |

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- Current Account Balance As of 7/28/25
 - Actual Balance \$114,039.74 / Bank Balance \$114,039.74
- Celebrity Waiter Update
 - n/a
- MaxGiving Update – 2025 Gala
 - Current Fundraising Balance - \$197,217.00
 - Current Outstanding Payments Pending - \$ 10,325.00
- Auction Items
 - n/a
- Items Passed / Voted on Via Text
 - None

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Committee Vote:

Motion to Approve Agenda by Mickelina Monico

Seconded by Theresa DeMartini

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Vote to Approve Minutes from 5/07/2025

Committee Vote:

Motion to Approve 5.7.2025 and 5.14.2025 Minutes by Angie Osborne

Seconded by Mark Monico

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

V. OLD BUSINESS

- n/a

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- **2026 Race for Research**

- There were 3 deposits/payments that were made for our 2026 Gala while the Board took two months off. This was necessary to reserve Tachi (\$5000), FSA Auctions (Freddie) (\$2750) and the MaxGiving Website (\$495.00).

Motion to ratify the Tachi, FSA Auctions and MaxGiving Website Deposits/Payments to secure the venue and services for the 2026 Gala by Mary Piraro

Seconded by Denise DeMartini

There was discussion whether these bills/deposits need to be voted on when they are redundant and expected.

1 abstention - 13 yes

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

- **MaxGiving Website**

- Kaci offered to create our site at no charge. The website is up and should be ready to go by this weekend in time for begin driver sign ups at Lemoore on Saturday. (as discussed during our last Board meeting.)

- **Driver Signups**

- Driver's Meeting: Heather
- Banner: KPR Trailer
 - Mary has already contacted Clinton for the 2026 Banner
- Heather created a flyer about RFR/Celebrity Waiter/Lemoore Race/Timeline with a separate free Gmail email account for Celebrity Waiters.
rfrcelebritywaiters@gmail.com There was a suggestion to give the flyers out when they sign in. More drivers will get them than at the Driver's Meeting. Mark suggested having a sign-up sheet as well. They will have them fill out an index card for the Celebrity Waiter's information. Mickelina will work with Heather to design something.

- **Auction Event Solutions**

- Agreement has been signed/services have been secured
- No deposit due/Payment due post Gala

- **Event Lighting**

Motion to book Bryan for lighting and drapery for the Gala by Angie Osborne

Seconded by Denise DeMartini

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to keep expense percentage at 35% by Heather Pacheco

Seconded by Mark Monico

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

We should do away with table favors; we should be able to use wine/no per Tachi rules; table centerpieces: we can cut back; if we pay \$1000, there should be 10 meals served. This year we should leave the date off and possibly reuse the centerpieces every year to save money. Mary will revise the Table Sponsorship flyer to reflect the favors/thank you gifts, etc.

○ **Check to St. Jude**

Motion to send the check in the amount of \$110,000 to St. Jude by Denise

Seconded by Raio

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

○ **Communication**

- **Thank You Letters** – Denise reported that since her acknowledgement letters that were sent specifically stated we look forward to letting them know in “June” what they were a part of it would not look good if we did not follow up.

Motion to send thank you letters and an email Christmas card to donors (including stamps and having them printed by staples) by Heather Pacheco

Seconded by Tori

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

○ **Race For Research 2026 Committees**

- Thank you to Heather and Raio for the Committee Names and Lead/Member Suggestions. Having committees allows leads to report at Board Meetings which will make the meetings shorter. If everyone has a designated job they will work hard at doing that job. There is so much to do and not everyone is good at everything. If you can't commit to be a member of the Board then you can be on a committee instead. Sometimes things change in lives and you need to step away. Just like Steve had to step away. There have been people who have reached out to be on the Board; we can use people on Committees.

■ **Celebrity Waiter & Social Media Communication - Lead:** Heather P

■ **Tickets & Table Sales - Lead:** Raio

■ **Communication - Lead:**

■ **Program & Event Design - Lead:** Theresa

■ **Sponsorship Outreach - Lead:** Mark

■ **Decorating - Leads:** Angie, Tori - **Members:** Janet

■ **Auction Items - Lead:** Nicole

■ **Event Planning & Oversight - Lead:** Mary

■ **Event Coordinator - Position:** Non-Board Member (TBD)

■ **Set-Up Committee - Day of Event - Lead:** Mickelina

■ **RFR Race @ Lemoore - Lead:** Heather - **Members:** Raio, Janet

○ **Miracles on the Bay – St. Jude Gala**

- October 17, 2025 – 6:00-Midnight – Pier 27 on the Embarcadero, San Francisco
- Please RSVP by August 2nd
 - Heather Pacheco
 - Raio and Peggy
 - Ken and Janet
 - Jarrett and Tori
 - Angie and Steve
 - Mark
 - Mick + 1
 - Kenny and Mary
 - Nicole
 - Heather Snow

- **Confirm Future Meeting Dates/Times**
 - Third Wednesday of every month-Mary will open the meeting

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Open Discussion

Motion to bring Steve Osborne back on the Board by Denise

Seconded by Janet

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Denise expressed her opinion (without naming names) that there was a Board member who did not participate last year and who did not even attend the event. She feels that either the person should either step down completely or should join a committee. There was much discussion. Mark brought up that that it was hypocritical that Denise motioned to allow Steve back on the Board after he resigned last year. She stated it is better to step away like Steve did and come back than just not participate at all. Many Board members agreed. Mark then brought up Kelly's name. Other Board members then added their opinions that it was not right that she did not participate nor did she attend. One member stated that she missed many meetings. At that time Denise stated that since Mark used Kelly's name she wanted to hear from Kelly. Kelly stated that she had a lot going on last year and that she also had an important function that she felt she could not miss. She also stated that perhaps she should have resigned. At that time, Denise left the meeting. (minutes stopped at this time)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- 9:33 pm

After the meeting adjourned the following Board Members resigned:

Denise DeMartini

Theresa DeMartini

Kelly Monico-Love