

NON-PROFIT MEETING MINUTES FOR

# **RACE** *for* **RESEARCH**

## **I. OPENING**

**President:** Mickelina Monico

**Date:** Wednesday, April 2, 2025

**Time:** 7:00 pm (PT)

**Location:** Google Meet

- Mickelina called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM

## **II. ATTENDANCE**

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

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- Current Account Balance As of 3/31/2025
  - Actual Balance \$27,500.28 / Bank Balance \$27,542.94
- Celebrity Waiter Update
  - 46 Total
- MaxGiving Update
  - Current Fundraising Balance - \$30,635.00
  - Number of Table Sponsors - "18"
  - Number of Individual Tickets - "19" + "2" Comped Tickets
- Auction Items
  - Current Item Count (In MaxGiving)
- Silent = 91 / Live = 5
  - Pending Donation Count (Not Entered into MaxGiving Yet)
- Silent = 42 / Live = 4 + 2 Trips (Bali/Mexico)
- Items Passed / Voted on Via Text
  - None

## **III. AGENDA APPROVAL**

### **Committee Vote:**

**Motion to Approve Agenda by Janet Monico**

**Seconded by Theresa DeMartini**

**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### IV. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Vote to Approve Minutes from 3/17/25

##### Committee Vote:

**Motion to Approve Minutes by Mark Monico**

**Seconded by Theresa DeMartini**

**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

##### ○ Work Day Update

- Mickelina thanked everyone who was able to attend! It was a very productive day. It was a great day to see where we are with regards to auction items. Denise received a donation of a lot of jewelry already in gift boxes. We will put a box in every other gift bag with a tag wishing guests a Happy Mother's Day from RFR. We will also auction off 4-5 jewelry sets.
- We will be using fresh flowers in the centerpieces this year. The committee members that were at the work day offered to pitch in \$50 each to help cover the cost of the flowers.

##### ○ Reviewed RFR Timeline

April	Collect Auction Items / Sell Tables/Tickets
1	Camera ready artwork to Theresa <b>Done</b> Send Email to Drivers – Purchase Tables/Tickets + Hotel Reservations
2	Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm
3	Secure red carpet and stanchions, helium, balloons, table décor decided <b>Black, Silver, White and Red Balloons. Black Table Cloths w/Red Napkins</b>
4	Plaza race
8	Meeting with Freddie @ 1:15 pm
9	Post 1 month to go. Include arrival times and hotel information/location
11	Lemoore Jet Bowl Race
12	Lemoore Jet Bowl Race
14	Send reminder: Mother's Day basket deadline – May 1 <sup>st</sup>
15	Meeting with Mitch-Stuart – Trip company @ 2:00 pm <b>LAST CHANCE! Send email to Drivers – Purchase tables/tickets + hotel reservations</b>
16	Board meeting 7:00 pm <b>P/U centerpieces (Kenny/Mary)</b>

**Run of Show.** Theresa found some errors and Mary edited the document. Freddie suggested that we switch Tiara and Cole's speech with the Carson video (due to the mood in the room). The Committee unanimously agreed.

##### ○ Sponsor(s) for Race for Research Race

- Celebrity Waiters - \$250 (Top Finishing Waiters)  
We have a sponsor for the Jr. Sprint Class but need Sponsors for the other 4 classes  
Angie received Oakley sunglasses for the top celebrity waiter finishers  
Mark asked if we are going to have the checks for the top finishers this year. Mary will work with Clinton on these.
- JOES Racing Products is donating \$100 gift certificate to top finishing celebrity waiters in each class

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

##### ○ Updates:

- Favors have been ordered
- Gift bags have been ordered and received. (donated)  
Donated "Plunder" Jewelry will be put into every other gift bag with a tag wishing "Happy Mother's Day From RFR". Still looking for a few other items to put into bags
- Theresa is beginning to work on the program
- Runners have been ordered (donated) We will be able to reuse them every year
- Tea lights have been ordered (donated) We will be able to reuse them every year
- Balloon arches have been ordered (donated)

- Balloon stands have been ordered (donated) We will be able to reuse them every year
- Light up balloons and extra balloons have been ordered (donated)
- Mary/Denise/Janet have begun getting quotes & ideas for flowers for the centerpieces
- Cellophane bags for the wine for the guest rooms have been ordered and received (donated)
- White gloves have ordered and received (donated)
- Three-foot light up letters (St. Jude) received (donated)

Theresa would like Mickelina to write a "Message from the President" for the program. i.e. an origin story.

Mark has been in contact with Staples regarding the program costs.

○ Updates RE meeting with Freddie: Next meeting: April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 1:15 pm

As of now we have eleven live auction items. Freddie suggested game tickets, concert tickets, rodeos etc. (he suggested even purchasing concert tickets). The consensus of the committee for the "last man standing" item would be a Mexico trip. Nicole asked if we were able to get a trip donated for the "fund a need" item. Mary said they will ask for this at the next meeting. Even if it is discounted it would still be a good option. Mark will contact the Naval base to see if they would donate a "ride". Heather will check on other donations in the area.

Mary will ask Tachi if we can use a conference room on Thursday for set up. Discussion regarding disposable cameras: They are expensive and they need to be developed (added expense). We will have cards on the tables with QR codes for guests to upload their photos to RFR. Theresa will also have a hashtag on them.

#### **IDEAS:**

**Framed Picture:** Autographed framed picture of the drivers (with the check) to hang at the track or possibly send to St. Jude or give to Lemoore Jet Bowl.

**Guest Book:** For guests to sign and leave messages as to why they support St. Jude.

**Comment Cards:** At each plate for guests to leave messages  
 A Note to St. Jude  
 Tell Us What You Think About the Evening  
 Survey After the Event

#### **VIII. OTHER ITEMS**

- Denise shared pictures of balloon arches, tea lights, runners, etc.

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT: 8:32 pm**

#### **2025 MEETINGS:**

April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

#### **2025 WORK DAYS:**

Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

#### **RACE FOR RESEARCH – FRIDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**SET-UP BEGINS AT 6 AM**