

NON-PROFIT MEETING MINUTES FOR



I. OPENING

President: Mickelina Monico

Date: Wednesday, June 19th, 2024

Time: 7:00pm (PT)

Location: Zoom Meeting

- Mickelina called the meeting to order.

II. ATTENDANCE

ATTENDEES

- Mickelina Monico
- Mark Monico
- Mary Piraro
- Kenny Piraro
- Nicole Dozier
- Angie Hannagan
- Tori Kott
- Janet Monico
- Angie Osborne
- Steve Osborne
- Kelly Monico-Love

Special Guests

- Heather Pacheco
- Raio Salmon

ABSENCES

- Denise DeMartini
- Theresa DeMartini
- Heather Snow

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

- Review Agenda
 - **Committee Vote:**
 - **Motion to Approve By Mickelina Monico**
 - **Seconded By Mark Monico**
 - **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

IV. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Vote to Approve Minutes from 05/22/2024
 - **Committee Vote:**
 - **Motion to Approve By Mark Monico**
 - **Seconded By Steve Osborne**
 - **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

V. FINANCE

- Account balance is:
 - **Bank Balance As Of 06/19/2024 = \$89,857.36**
 - **Actual Balance As Of 06/19/2024 = \$89,397.36**
 - Checks Not Cleared \$460.00
 - **Currently Have \$400.00 DUE FROM EVENT**
 - 2 STATEMENTS UNPAID
 - **Max Giving Balance = \$132,782.25**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- NON-PROFIT ACCOUNTANT
 - Mark noted we are still looking to find an accountant to help us with our books and non-profit organization. If anyone knows of someone who specializes in non-profits, please let us know.
 - Angie Osborne sent over a contact via text.
- WEB-SITE UPDATE
 - <https://raceforresearch.org/>
 - Mary informed everyone that our web-site is live and our meeting agendas, minutes and financials have all been added.
 - We are still in the process of adding some documents and photos.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- St. Jude Miracles on the Bay Gala
 - Friday, September 20th - 6pm
 - Pier 27, The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94133
 - Please let Mark/Mickelina know if you plan on attending by **August 1st** and as they will send in a group RSVP to St. Jude.
- Motorcycle Tax / License
 - Mark discussed the issue we had and what we missed on the sale of the motorcycle. Unfortunately, we did NOT disclose the taxes/licenses, which the winning bidder is responsible for.
 - This is where an accountant would've been helpful.
 - We totally missed the boat on this one and didn't disclose the proper information.
 - The buyer of the motorcycle brought it to Mark's attention, not requesting the \$800 he had to pay; but instead just letting us know for future events.
 - Raio noted that her in-laws also paid the taxes/licenses last year, which we were unaware of.
 - Mark suggested that we reimburse him for the taxes/licenses paid and in the future we need to make sure we disclose this information.
 - Steve thinks it's the right thing to do and Janet agreed.
 - Steve made a motion that we reimburse the winning bidder for the taxes/licenses fees he had to pay in the amount of \$800.00
 - **Committee Vote:**
 - **Motion Made By Steve Osborne**
 - **Seconded By Mickelina Monico**
 - **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**
 - Mark made a motion that we also reimburse the winning bidder from last year's event for the taxes/licenses fees they had to pay in the amount of \$600.00.
 - **Committee Vote:**
 - **Motion Made By Mark Monico**
 - **Seconded By Kenny Piraro**
 - **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**
 - We will take care of sending out a letter and reimbursement check to both individuals.

- 2025 Race for Research
 - Friday, May 9, 2025
 - Venue Location
 - Mickelina informed the Board that we have been talking with Tachi Palace Casino Resort and they have a Bingo Hall that will fit a large crowd, which will then give us an opportunity to grow.
 - Mary shared information about Tachi and what they have to offer. They do have a conference room, but we would be limited to around 240, which wouldn't give us room to grow.
 - Since their Bingo Hall has large events they had to get approval to host Race for Research. Tachi has approved our event!
 - Discussed the set-up and what it would take to make the room look like a gala.
 - Share photos with the committee of samples we received from Tachi.
 - Race for Research Race
 - Saturday, May 10, 2025
 - We discussed moving the race to Lemoore Jet Bowl, as they have shown interest in hosting our Race for Research race.
 - The race would take place on Saturday following our event and Lemoore is more than willing to host it.
 - Discussed concerns about making sure that Visalia doesn't host a race on the Friday of our event.
 - During our meeting Raio contacted Jake Hagopian from Visalia (Plaza) to see if he would agree to no race in Visalia the weekend of Race for Research.
 - Jake agreed that Visalia would not race that weekend. Raio also stated that Jake would be willing to help promote RFR.
 - Raio also texted the Lemoore Jet Bowl Board during our meeting to see if they would approve having the Race for Research Race on Saturday, May 10, 2025.
 - The Lemoore Jet Bowl Board voted via text and Raio confirmed that we are good to go with having the race at Lemoore.
 - Lemoore will discuss at next month's meeting as to whether or not the Race for Research race will be a points/non-points race.
 - We are leaving this up to the Lemoore Jet Bowl.
 - Heather and Raio discussed opportunities for getting sponsors and people to attend our event, not just the race.
 - Heather suggested that they might be able to get the Board to donate General Admission

Tickets to anyone who purchases a table (each sponsor would get 10 General Admission Tickets).

- Mark stated that there is so much potential for cross-promotion between all involved.
- Raio stated RFR Social Media is great, however, now we will need to really start doing a lot more. It's the perfect way to grow our Social Media platform and RFR as well.
- Both Raio and Heather agreed that having Race for Research in the Central Valley will give us a ton of opportunity to grow.
- We will work on getting something put together and ready to post once we finalized the contract with Tachi.
 - Our goal is to get something out by mid-July.
 - Once we get these out Mark and Mickelina will work on our donation letters and share with the entire committee; before we put them out.
 - Heather Pacheco stated she could assist in getting sponsors, as she handles that for Lemooore as well.
- We also talked about getting the local sprint car tracks in the central valley involved; possibly even by not racing on the Friday night of our event, so some of them can attend.
- **Per Mary's text on 6/19/2024 @ 9:24pm to the Race for Research Board:**
 - **Based on discussion from tonight's meeting we have a couple of items to vote on:**
 - **Item #1 - Please vote Yes or No on moving our 3rd Annual RFR event down to Lemoore.**
- **Committee Vote:**
 - **Based on Responses Received via Text the above was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- Mickelina's St. Jude Trip (6/24-6/28)
 - Check to St. Jude
 - Mickelina will check with Emily @ St. Jude to see if they would like her to bring the check to St. Jude or meet up at a later date to give the check.

- Balance of Race for Research Shirts
 - We have “47” shirts remaining, which isn’t bad (10 Small, 14 Medium, 12 Large, 9 XL, 2 XL)
 - We more than covered the cost of our shirts from this year.
 - Mark suggested perhaps we use the remaining shirts to give to some of our sponsors.
 - Angie Osborne suggested we even keep some and toss them in the crowds at the races in Lemoore.
 - Mary suggested perhaps we put info regarding our 2025 event on them.
 - Raio suggested we even do it during the Hagopian race, since they will have a large crowd.

VIII. OTHER ITEMS

- Open Discussion
 - Next Meeting we will review the Silent Auction Data List Mark emailed everyone.
 - Mary will work on our MaxGiving Site and see if we can’t get the web-site up and running as soon as possible. If we need to create a new QR Code perhaps we add 2025 to the end of it.
 - Angie Osborne and Raio both suggested seeing if Tachi could add our event info and QR Code to their web-site.
 - The committee asked Raio and Heather if they would like to continue being a part of our Race for Research Committee Meetings, as we will need their help with next year’s event.
 - Both Raio and Heather Pacheco stated they would be interested and would love to be on the Board if there is availability.
 - Mark stated the committee would discuss and vote offline.
 - **Per Mary’s text on 6/19/2024 @ 9:24pm to the Race for Research Board:**
 - **Based on discussion from tonight’s meeting we have a couple of items to vote on:**
 - **Item #2 - Please vote Yes or No to adding Raio Salmon and Heather Pacheco (from Lemoore Jet Bowl) as RFR Board Members.**
 - **Committee Vote:**
 - **Based on Responses Received via Text the above was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned @ 8:28pm

Submitted by: [Mary Piaro](#)

Print Name/Title: Mary Piaro, Treasurer

Approved by: [Kenny Piraro](#)

Print Name/Title: Kenny Piraro, Secretary

Approved by: [Mickelina Monico](#)

Print Name/Title: Mickelina Monico, President