

**VISALIA ROTARY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
FRANCIE'S MOST EXCELLENT MINUTES AND VIEW OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Buckman-Mitchell, Inc. Community Room
500 North Santa Fe Avenue, Visalia, CA
April 22, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00 am by President Gerry Schneider.

PRESENT: Gerry Schneider (President), Eric Shannon (Executive Chairman), Duane Scott (Executive Secretary/Treasurer), Larry Benevento (Treasurer), Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Francie Langley (Secretary), Dale Bruder (Immediate Past President), Donn Ritter (President Elect), Steve Chrisman, Peter Golombek, Phil Hornburg, Susan Lucas, Gary Paden, Ryan Purkiss, Dru Quesnoy, and Paul Sonier. **ABSENT:** Don Hutton, Gene Yunt, Lee Goldstein (VRC), Jim Sullins (VCC), Russ Desch (VSR), Wendy Anderson (VSR President Elect), Bill Mathis (VBR), Consuelo Maravilla (LRC), and Juan Hernandez (LRC).

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 25, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Duane Scott reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$4,700,586.64 at April 14, 2015 compared to \$4,625,503.47 at March 18, 2015 (balance updated to include checking account balance.) **(Reminder)** The Foundation is now registered with Amazon Smile Foundation. Shop online at smile.amazon.com for eligible merchandise and .5% of the purchase will be donated to our Foundation; **Club Representatives** please remind your clubs.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) Respite House – Phil Hornburg reported that although the city has approved the Respite House plans and the demolition permit has been authorized, before demolition may begin an additional permit is needed to excavate into the street to find the gas and water shut off valves. Fred Scott is working on the final plans. The hospital has been very supportive of the project and the triple net lease is close to finalization. Rocky Pipkin has volunteered to conduct security patrol checks of the property, and this was enthusiastically approved by the board. Phil Hornburg will write a letter of acceptance and thanks of the patrols.
- B.) Scholarship Committee – Susan Lucas reported we have awarded 10 Harrell Scholarships. Concern was voiced that efforts continue to encourage applications from the public schools and not just the for-profit programs. Susan will contact not only the counselors but also the teachers of the various programs. 12 applications, representing all 5 target schools, were received for the Salierno Music Scholarships, and scholarships were awarded to applicants from each school. Sixteen applications were received for the Dwelle Scholarship from which one recipient has been chosen. July will mark another round of Harrell Scholarship applications and more applicants will be encouraged from COS programs. Thank you, Susan and your committee, for all your hard work and a wonderful job!

- C.) Website – Gerry Schneider said he is still looking for input and feedback on how the site is working. The Board minutes will be published on the site along with current news of activities and awards. We appreciate all your work on the website! Well done!
- D.) 2015 Grants and Scholarships - Steve Chrisman reported the committee is in the middle of application reviews. So far the committee has received 10 applications and has passed on three of them. Another three or four applications are expected to be received by May 7th for review at the next committee meeting. The committee is seeking to avoid awarding grants to the same organizations in successive years. Grant Awards are projected to be presented at the May or June Board meeting.
- E.) Drug Court – Gary Paden reported that the Friends of Tulare County were not interested in holding the Drug Court Funds because Drug Court is a state affiliated organization. Gary said he has other organizations willing to hold the funds. There is enough money for this year's graduation on June 22nd at 5:30 at The Convention Center. Gary extended his thanks for the support of the Rotary clubs and many businesses and individuals.

NEW BUSINESS: Respite House Fundraising Committee – As it is expected the Rotary and local community will want to support the Respite House project with donations to the foundation, informational literature needs to be developed on the project and how to donate for those interested. This information will be distributed via handouts and emails to the member Rotary Clubs. The possibility of a “Demolition Party” may be organized as a fundraiser along with naming opportunities and donation ranges. Due to the nature of the Respite House property there are signage limitations for the exterior of the building but the interior is available.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 27, 2015, 7 a.m., Buckman-Mitchell, Inc. Community Room, 500 North Santa Fe Avenue, Visalia, CA.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:44 a.m.

Francie Langley
Secretary