

**VISALIA ROTARY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
Buckman-Mitchell, Inc. Community Room
500 North Santa Fe Avenue, Visalia, CA
August 26, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00 am by President, Don Ritter.

PRESENT: Donn Ritter (President), Eric Shannon (Executive Chairman), Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Larry Benevento (Treasurer), Francie Langley (Secretary), Gerry Schneider (Immediate Past President), Dale Bruder, Steve Chrisman, Peter Golombek, Don Hutton, Susan Lucas, Gary Paden, Ryan Purkiss, Paul Sonier, Gene Yunt, Susan Winey (VRC), Lora Owen (VCC), Cindy Meyer (VBR), Wendy Anderson (VSR), and Anabelle Chavez (President Elect, LRC). **ABSENT:** Duane Scott (Executive Secretary/Treasurer), Phil Hornburg (Vice President), Dru Quesnoy, and Juan Hernandez (LRC).

MINUTES: The minutes of the July 22, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Francie Langley reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$4,545,811.17 at August 20, 2015 compared to \$44,689,442.19 at July 17, 2015. Since the last meeting \$6,057.20 was disbursed for Respite House permits, \$8,500 for Visalia Emergency Aid freezer emergency grant, and \$15,500 for scholarships. **(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.) Grant Committee – Steve Chrisman reported all the grant checks have been distributed.
- B.) Respite House – Don Hutton said he and Paul Sonier have started to make presentations and distributing pamphlets to Rotary clubs. Thank you, Nancy Lockwood, of the Lockwood Agency, for the pamphlets and the PowerPoint presentation. Plans are submitted, the fees have been paid, and the bids should arrive next week. Thank you Randy Forester for donating the survey. Thank you VSR for volunteering to provide the plants and labor for the landscaping. Although it is not appropriate for this foundation to apply for a grant from Rotary International, one of the clubs could volunteer to do this. The Respite House committee will put together a “registry” of items that can be donated to the project. **Club Representatives:** Please spread the word that if any Rotary club members know of prospective presentation candidate organizations, the contact information can be given to Don Hutton or Paul Sonier. Also, ask you presidents to include a slide in their weekly PowerPoint regarding the Respite House Project. It was also suggested that a poster be provided to clubs to display at club meeting check in to help keep the Respite House project in the spotlight.
- C.) Scholarship Committee – Susan Lucas will meet with Marilyn Watson about the Watson Scholarship to clarify information points to present to counselors and applicants. Thank you, Susan, and your committee, for a wonderful job!

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) Vote: Committees for 2015-2016 – Larry Benevento MOVED and Steve Chrisman seconded to accept the slate. APPROVED.
- B.) Dick Watson Scholarship Fund – Ryan and Gene reported that \$110,000 has been received, deposited, and Churchill has been chosen as the manager.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 7 a.m., Buckman-Mitchell, Inc. Community Room, 500 North Santa Fe Avenue, Visalia, CA.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:33 a.m.

Francie Langley
Secretary