

**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
January 27, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:05 am by President, Don Ritter.

PRESENT (* indicates voting positions): Don Ritter (President*), Eric Shannon (Executive Chairman*; Long-Range Fund Raising*), Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Duane Scott (Executive Secretary/Treasurer*), Phil Hornburg (Vice President), Larry Benevento (Treasurer; Director of Planned Giving*), Francie Langley (Secretary), Gerry Schneider (Immediate Past President*), Marty Zeeb (President Elect), Steve Chrisman (Director of Grants*), Peter Golombek (Major Projects Coordinator), Steve Perry (Director of Scholarship Administration*), Susan Lucas (Director of Scholarship Selection*), Ryan Purkiss (Director of Finance*), Dru Quesnoy (Director of Marketing*), Don Hutton, Gary Paden, Rocky Pipkin, Susan Winey (VRC*), Lora Owen (VCC*), and Cindy Meyer (VBR*). **ABSENT**: Paul Sonier, Gene Yunt, Wendy Anderson (VSR*), Anabelle Chavez (LRC*), and Juan Hernandez.

MINUTES: The minutes of the December 2, 2015 meeting were approved as corrected.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Duane Scott reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$4,411,267.13 at January 22, 2016 compared to \$4,552,232.05 at November 25, 2015. Since the last meeting \$1,989 was disbursed for Respite House expenses, \$7,250 for scholarships, and \$5,000 for the Monson Grant. \$186,896 has been received toward the Respite House of which \$76,759.70 has been spent on the project so far. The Financial Report will be filed. **(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; tell your family, friends, and **Club Representatives** please remind your clubs.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) Respite House – Don Hutton reported that he has connected with Mike Gates, the supervisor on the job. There is a slab now! Additional footings need to be poured for the porch and by Monday they should be framing. (Yay!) A subcommittee is developing recognition plaques that will be safe once they are installed on the exterior. (Taggers beware!) Phil Hornburg reported that grant applications have been submitted to Lowes and Gannett. Shirle Reynolds has been sending thank you letters to donors. Gerry Schneider has been updating the donor tracking spreadsheet.
- B.) Scholarship Committee – Susan Lucas reported that in the course of reviewing records for transfer to the new scholarship administrator, that Kaitlin Glass was erroneously awarded only \$8,000 for the Dwelle four year scholarship which the board had approved as a \$20,000 four year scholarship in line with the Dwelle's intent. The shortage will be sent to Kaitlin with a letter of explanation and apology (attached.) Thank you, Susan and your committee, for a wonderful job!

- C.) Website – Gerry reported that Susan Lucas has excelled at updating scholarship information on the website. Gerry confessed he is behind on updating the Respite House information. ☹
- D.) St. Patrick’s Day Event: The committee is looking for a location that will hold 75 to 100 people inside if it rains. The date is set for March 17th and \$100 per couple covers the cost of the event. The board debated pros and cons of seeking sponsors. Board members are asked to donate 2 bottles of wine and bring to the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – Welcome, Steve Perry, our new Director of Scholarship Administration (who hit the ground running and has already done some great organizing).

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 24, 2016, 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