

**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 24, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:01 am by Marty Zeeb, President.

**PRESENT** ( \* indicates voting positions): Marty Zeeb (President\*), Eric Shannon (Executive Chairman\*; Long-Range Fund Raising\*), Duane Scott (Executive Secretary/Treasurer\*), Larry Benevento (Treasurer; Director of Planned Giving\*), Phil Hornburg (Vice President), Francie Langley (Secretary; Director of Invisibility), Gerry Schneider (Director of Nothing), Steve Chrisman (Director of Grants\*), Peter Golombek (Major Projects Coordinator), Susan Lucas (Director of Scholarship Selection\*), Ryan Purkiss (Director of Finance\*), Dru Quesnoy (Director of Marketing\*), Don Hutton, Paul Sonier, Jon Pree (VRC\*), Scott James (VBR\*), Barbara Hood (VSR\*), Suzanna “SAM” Aguilera-Marrero (VLR\*), and Lina Contreras (Pres. Visalia Latino Rotary Club (VLR) **ABSENT**: Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Don Ritter (Immediate Past President '15-'16\*), ???? (President Elect), Steve Perry (Director of Scholarship Administration\*), Gary Paden, Gene Yunt, and Deborah Volosin (VCC\*).

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the July 27, 2016 meeting were accepted as presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Duane Scott reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$4,555,276.70 at August 18, 2016 compared to \$4,446,131.37 at July 25, 2016. Since the last meeting, \$16,250 was disbursed for scholarships. Total collected for the Respite House to date is \$294,502.69; \$253,121.29 has been disbursed toward the Respite House. A bill from B J Perch has not been received in two months but cash is available to pay the bill when it arrives. 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; **Club Representatives** please remind your clubs.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A.) Respite House – Don Hutton reported the house is just about completed. Thank you to Oak Liquidators for 50% discount on all the furniture (this is actually a donation to the Hospital since it is responsible for furnishing the house, but we are still grateful!) Thank you Cathy Hutton for her amazing efforts to acquire furnishings and supplies on behalf of the Hospital! Don Hutton expressed his gratitude and admiration to the Board for this project and being allowed to participate in it. The Board officially thanks Don for his devotion to this project. Phil Hornburg reported that due to the drought and to new city regulations regarding sprinkler systems the landscaping is a bit behind schedule but is moving forward albeit slower than hoped. Thank you, Phil, for watching over the landscaping project! Dru Quesnoy reported the open houses are September 7<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. All Board members are encouraged to attend both functions. Only 25 people have responded to attend the donor reception on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Board members were

requested to personally invite donors to the reception to thank them for their contribution. Thank you, Dru, for your attention to these receptions!

- B.) 2016 Grants - Steve Chrisman reported the grants have been awarded and the committee will take a break until the next grant season. Thank you letters were shared with the Board from the Blanket Ladies, Happy Trails Riding Academy, and the Carlisle Family. Thank you, Steve and your committee, for your work on the grant process!

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A.) Scholarship Committee – Susan Lucas reported that eleven scholarships were given out last month but we didn't receive any applicants from COS. She suggested that VRCF give the COS Foundation the scholarship funds, the COS trade schools find the applicants, vet them, and the VRCF Scholarship Committee will give final approval for the awards. It was **MOVED** by Eric Shannon and seconded by Duane Scott to allocate 15 scholarships to COS and the \$15,000 to go to the COS Foundation, 9 scholarships to San Joaquin Valley College, and 8 scholarships to the Estes Institute and Milan Institute combined (\$1,000 for each scholarship) for the schools to find applicants and select scholarship recipients which will be approved by the VRCF Scholarship Committee. After discussion the motion was **APPROVED**. Thank you, Susan, Steve, and your committee, for a wonderful job!

B.) Long Range Planning –

1.) Phil Hornburg requested a show of interest in rejuvenating Rotary Park by acquiring property in the northeast corner of the park which would open the park to the nearby neighborhood. It was **MOVED** by Larry Benevento, seconded by "SAM" to further explore the project.

2.) Phil Hornburg explained that Gene Yunt has a client interested in donating a cabin in California Hot Springs to the VRCF by way of a Charitable Gift Annuity. The donor would contribute the property to the VRCF, the property sold, an annuity purchased giving the donor a 5% return each year, with any remaining balance going to the VRCF once the donor passes. There are still many details that need to be researched. It was **MOVED** by Steve Chrisman, seconded by Eric Shannon, to further explore this proposal. After discussion the motion was **APPROVED**.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 28, 2016, 7 a.m., Buckman-Mitchell, Inc. Community Room, 500 North Santa Fe Avenue, Visalia, CA.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:52 a.m.

Francie Langley  
Secretary