

**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  
June 28, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Marty Zeeb, President.

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

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the May 24, 2017 meeting were accepted as presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Duane Scott reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$4,891,447.63 at June 21, 2017 compared to \$4,790,450.13 at May 18, 2017. \$2,500 was paid for grants and \$2,000 was paid for scholarship passthroughs from the Sunset Club. A refund from Southern California Edison reduced the investment in the Respite House. The Latino Club has paid the entrance fee and is now officially a member of the Foundation. (Congratulations!) The COS President's Fund has been established and shall be funded with \$300,000 next month. The financial report shall be filed. (**Reminder**) The Foundation is now registered with Amazon Smile Foundation. Shop online at [smile.amazon.com](http://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.) Scholarship Committee – Susan Lucas reported August 1st is the next due date for technical scholarship applications.
- B.) Grant Committee – Steve Chrisman reported six grants will be awarded by member clubs during July.
- C.) Fundraiser to help fund VRCF Endowment for COS President's Scholars – Dru Quesnoy reported the Rotary Craft Beer Brew Festival is scheduled for September 14, 2017. The goal is to raise \$50,000 through both ticket sales and sponsorships. Tickets will be sold by each club and will also be available through Sylvia Stiff at COS. Tickets will be distributed and Gerry Schneider will track the ticket sales, sponsorships, and Karl Weiss status of donors. Four or five people from each club are requested to help the evening of the fundraiser. The COS Foundation will help to promote the event.

- D.) Respite House – Phil Hornburg reported the landscaping is surviving the recent extreme heatwave (yay!), cars have been seen in the garage, and things are going well. Any new donations will reduce the general fund contribution.
- E.) Website – Gerald Schneider reported the website is being updated and Committee Chairs wanting updates for their areas on the website are requested to forward the information to Gerry. Doug Arnold is handling the maintenance of the website. Thank you, Doug Arnold!
- F.) Other Old Business – None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A.) Election of 2017/2018 directors and officers – Phil Hornburg **MOVED** and Susan Lucas seconded that Lloyd Hicks be elected president and the other officers remain the same. Motion **PASSED**. The Foundation Board still needs to elect the President Elect and select the club representatives and committee members. Duane Scott suggested the bylaws be updated to include the Latino Club (yes!) and to give the Foundation Board secretary the right to vote (yes, squared! –smiley face-)
- B.) Visalia Rotary Club (VCR) Matching Funds – The VRC will match \$500 per person up to a total of \$5,000. A discussion was held concerning the possibility of the Foundation agreeing to allow the annual Foundation membership fees to go towards the COS President’s Scholarship Fund. It was suggested that the Foundation might ask the clubs if they want to direct the funds to the scholarship fund. Duane Scott voiced his concern that the General Fund has been stagnating because of channeling funds to the Respite House and this has hampered grants. Duane suggested the dues be deposited into the Foundation General Fund where it will be available to achieve the \$50,000 fundraising goal, if needed.
- C.) Dues of Member Clubs - Dues are \$50 per member of each club and payable by June 30th. A discussion was held regarding when the membership number of the club should be determined. It was left to the clubs to decide.
- D.) Other New Business – Duane Scott **MOVED** the Foundation recognize and thank Marty Zeeb for his service to the Foundation during this past year. Ryan Purkiss seconded. The motion **PASSED** (7 to 4...just teasing!) with cheers and applause. Thank you, Marty!

**NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 7 a.m., Buckman-Mitchell, Inc. Community Room, 500 North Santa Fe Avenue, Visalia, CA.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:35 a.m.

Francie Langley  
Secretary