

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
May 28, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:02 a.m. by Bruce Nicotero, President.

PRESENT (*indicates voting positions): Bruce Nicotero (President*), Eric Shannon (Executive Chairman*; Director of Long-Range Fund Raising*), Duane Scott (Executive Secretary/Treasurer*), Phil Hornburg (Vice President), Anees Akhund (Treasurer; Director of Planned Giving*), Francie Langley (Secretary*), Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Lloyd Hicks (Immediate Past President 2017-2018*), Susan Lucas (Director of Scholarship Selection*), Ryan Purkiss (Director of Finance* and President Elect), Donn Ritter (Director of Scholarship Administration*), Gerry Schneider (Giving Administration/Tracking*), Paul Hurley (VRC*), Sarahelena Martinez (VLR*), and Tim Foster (VSR President and COS Foundation Representative). **ABSENT**: Steve Chrisman (Director of Grants*), Dru Quesnoy (Director of Marketing*), Marty Zeeb (Major Projects Coordinator*), Tom Hornburg (VCC*), Todd Martin (VBR*), and Patrick Lozano (VSR*).

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 23, 2019 meeting stand as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Duane Scott reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$5,172,068.84 at May 23, 2019 compared to the balance of \$5,272,963.28 at April 18, 2019. \$2,500 was disbursed during the month from the Dwelle Scholarship Fund. The financial report shall be filed. Duane informed the Board about his meeting with the County regarding the welfare exemption from property taxes. The clerk is new to the position and told Duane he could handle things through email. Duane insisted on a face to face meeting to be assured the schedule(s) she required, and which were waived by her predecessor, were completed to the clerk's satisfaction. Duane also expressed to the clerk his frustration that although he filed the paperwork in January, she didn't reject it until four months later when it was delinquent. (You go, Duane!) Duane will update the Board when a resolution is reached. (**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.) Scholarship Committee – Susan Lucas reported that all the scholarships have been presented. She was able to arrange for several of the scholarships to be presented by fund representatives.
- B.) Scholarship Administration – Donn Ritter commended Susan Lucas and the Scholarship Committee for outstanding organization and efficiency.
- C.) Grant Committee – Donn Ritter reported the Grant Committee will propose grants to nine organizations at the next board meeting. The Committee is expected to request an additional \$2,000 in order to award all the proposed grant amounts.

- D.) Brewfest – Tim Foster reported over \$27,000 in sponsorships has been collected, which is about halfway toward the amount from last year with ten to eleven weeks still to go. Plans include using smaller glasses and serving some bourbons and wines in addition to beer. Attendance is desired at the event; therefore, ticket sales are needed(!) Foundation member clubs will be requested to supply members to help at the event.
- E.) Website – Gerry Schneider discussed Doug Arnold’s interest in continuing as “webmaster.” Doug is willing to continue helping us with our website and said the current platform is becoming obsolete and over the next couple of months he will be transitioning the website to a new platform. Hopefully the new platform will be more user friendly to update.
- F.) Future President Elect – Bruce Nicotero pointed out that the Foundation “succession plan” needs to be updated with names for future presidents. He will contact the County Center Rotary Club for a victim... whoops, I mean, ... candidate and Sarahelena Martinez will verify the name of the candidate from the Visalia Latino Rotary Club.

NEW BUSINESS

- A.) Funding of Monson-Sultana School Music Department – Phil Hornburg reviewed the history of the agreement to grant \$5,000 a year to the Monson-Sultana School Music Department. Various individuals were reported to give witness to the importance of this program and its continued support. It was **MOVED** by Loyd Hicks, seconded by Eric Shannon, to continue awarding \$5,000 a year to the Monson-Sultana School Music Department for five years. Motion **APPROVED**.
- B.) Respite House Usage Reports – Usage of the Respite House has been dismally low at under 40% of availability. The Board would like monthly, or at least quarterly, usage reports. It was **MOVED** by Phil Hornburg, seconded by Susan Lucas for Eric Shannon to write a letter from the Board and from representatives of the Shannon and Fisher Families expressing the desire to see the Respite House used more. Motion **APPROVED**. A couple of the Board members said they would speak with their contacts at Kaweah Delta. Donn Ritter who said he would talk to Gary Herbst.

NEXT MEETING: *Reminder: Regular meetings are now on Tuesdays.* Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 7:00 am; meeting to be held at the Buckman-Mitchell, Inc. Community Room, 500 North Santa Fe Avenue, Visalia, CA. “Thank you!” for all you do!

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

Francie Langley
Secretary

Foundation President Rotation History:
 VSR – Ryan Purkiss 2019-2020
 VCC – 2020-2021
 VLR – 2021-2022
 VBR – 2022-2023
 VRC – 2023-2024