

Pending Approval

**VISALIA ROTARY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Zoom Meeting
March 23, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Deborah Volosin, President.

PRESENT (*indicates voting positions followed by applicable one or three-year term expiration year): Deborah Volosin (President*, 2021), Eric Shannon (Executive Director*; Director of Long-Range Fund Raising/Planned Giving*, 2021), Duane Scott (Executive Secretary*), Phil Hornburg (Vice President, 2021), Francie Langley (Secretary*), Anees Akhund (President Elect, 2021), Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Steve Chrisman (Director of Grants*, 2021), Susan Lucas (Director of Scholarship Selection*, 2022), Ryan Purkiss, (Immediate Past President*, 2021, and Director of Finance and Fellowships*, 2021); Dru Quesnoy (Director of Marketing*, 2022), Donn Ritter (Co-Director of Grants, 2023), Gerry Schneider (Director of Giving Administration and Tracking*, 2021), Scott Jacobson for Liz Wynn, (VRC*, 2021), Iris East (VBR*, 2021), and Gene Yunt (Financial Advisor). **ABSENT:** Gary Simmons (Treasurer, 2021), Jeff Moyer (Director of Scholarship Administration*, 2023), Marty Zeeb (Major Projects Coordinator, 2021), Merritt Wiseman (VCC*, 2021), and Aron Gularte (VSR*, 2021).

A quorum is 51% of the seventeen-member voting Board which equals nine directors; this meeting had **thirteen** quorum votes in the form of **eleven** directors. When revised bylaws are accepted a quorum will be 33 1/3% of the sixteen-member Board (six directorships.) A majority vote shall be sufficient to constitute action by the Board of Directors. When a director holds more than one directorship each directorship counts toward a quorum, but the director has only one vote.)

MINUTES: The minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting stand as presented. (Motion to approve is not required.)

FINANCIAL REPORT: Duane Scott reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$7,529,651.75 on March 12, 2021 compared to the balance of \$7,807,040.23 on February 15, 2021. The decrease is due to market fluctuations. Disbursements for scholarships were \$2,500 during the month. Duane reminded the Board that \$165,000 was approved at the last meeting for grants of which \$50,000 has been approved for T C Hope, leaving \$115,000, plus \$19,101 left over from last year, available to grant to non-profit organizations. \$20,000 was approved last year for T C Hope; that check has been written and will be mailed tomorrow. The financial report will be filed. (The financial report is just that: a report; motion to approve is not required.) Ryan Purkiss added that the funds have been re-balanced between the managed accounts and some cash has been reserved in case it is needed by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) Scholarship Committee – Susan Lucas reported the most recent applications are organized and ready for the upcoming meeting of the Committee.
- B.) Grant Committee – Steve Chrisman reported the Grant Committee will meet in April to begin the grant selection process. Steve Chrisman explained the Foundation prefers to make “bricks and mortar” grants as opposed to grants for operations. However, when the need arises, as it did in 2020 due to the pandemic, an exception may be made. Steve asked Board members to encourage member clubs to inform non-profits with which they are associated to submit grant applications. Steve requested that Shirle Reynolds send a letter to each member club informing them \$115,000 is available for grants with applications for bricks and mortar needs preferred along with the application deadline. Shirle will also send an email to President Deborah for her to forward as needed.
- C.) Brewfest – No report. This item will be removed from future agendas for the time being.
- D.) Rotary in Visalia Centennial – Gerry Schneider reported the project portion of the Centennial with the Visalia Unified School District is moving forward. Dru Quesnoy and Susan Lucas are working on the event. There have been some personnel changes to the Centennial Fundraising Committee. Dru has been working with a designer to finish the fundraising letterhead, and sponsorship requests will be initiated for the event scheduled for January 22, 2022 at the Convention Center.
- E.) Camp Nelson Cabin – No report.
- F.) Policy Manual – Francie Langley will send Shirle the committee policies which Shirle will collate into a manual.
- G.) Website Update – Eric Shannon and Gerry Schneider reported they met with the web designer, Mr. Penner. Duane Scott **MOVED** and Steve Chrisman seconded, that Eric and Gerald be giving the authority to pursue the design project and allow for costs of approximately \$1,000 for establishment of the site and approximately \$18 per month for hosting on Square Space. After discussion the motion was **APPROVED**.
- H.) Bylaws – Phil Hornburg reported the revised bylaws provide for an Executive Committee, an Emergency Fund, annual distributions of 3% to 5% of the VRCF available assets, billing the clubs for dues based on individual clubs’ active members as of June 30th each year, and Directors holding more than one directorship count in all directorships for a quorum but only one vote per person when making decisions. It was **MOVED** by Donn Ritter, seconded by Gerry Schneider, that Board Secretary, Francie Langley, sign the bylaws and send them along with the signature page to member clubs to approve and return the signature pages signed by their board secretary. After discussion, the motion was **APPROVED**.
- I.) Billing Member Clubs – Member clubs have been billed for their annual dues which has prompted questions by member clubs concerning how dues are used and what payments by member clubs count as dues. The dues are used to pay the minimal administrative costs of the Foundation and build principle to generate funds to grant to local non-profit organizations. The clubs may generate the funds to pay the dues of \$50 per member listed in DacDB as of July 1st of each year as the member club sees fit. Dues are to be paid to the VRCF by the member clubs as opposed to individual checks from individual club members. If a member club chooses to encourage member support with matching funds, it is the responsibility of the member club to bill their members for the match qualifying donations. When the dues are paid to the VRCF the member clubs may designate which club members receive credit toward their Karl Weiss Fellowship. The member clubs may

designate any funds paid to the VRCF over the dues requirement be allocated to the VRCF program they choose. For example, they may designate the funds to be added to the general fund, a special project of the VRCF, scholarships, etc. The VRCF will send charitable giving receipts to people giving directly to the VRCF. The VRCF will provide a charitable giving receipt to a member club upon request.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation – Phil Hornburg reported he has been scheduled as a Rotary Club of Visalia program on April 28th. Gerry said he will see if he has slide presentation to update for Phil to use. Phil asked Steve Chrisman to present a symbolic check to the president of T C Hope. Dru will give Phil information to promote the Centennial Celebration and request sponsorships. Duane will send Gerry and Phil the spread sheet of how much has been collected by the foundation over the years, how much has been awarded in grants and scholarships, and how the Foundation has grown.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be at 7:00 am on Tuesday, April 27, 2021; location expected to be on Zoom. “Thank you!” for all you do!

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

Francie Langley
Secretary

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.

Foundation President Rotation Schedule:

VBR – Anees Akhund	2021-2022
VRC – Susan Lucas	2022-2023
VSR –	2023-2024
VCC –	2024-2025
VLR – if reinstated	

With appreciation and thanks, we honor our Past Presidents:

28- Ryan Purkiss	2019-2020
27- Bruce Nicotero	2018-2019
26- Lloyd Hicks	2017-2018
25- Marty Zeeb	2016-2017
24- Donn Ritter	2015-2016
23- Gerry Schneider	2014-2015
22- Dale Bruder	2013-2014
21- Peter Golombeck	2012-2013

20- Laurie Tiesiera	2011-2012
19- Al Fischer	2010-2011
18- Marvin Hansen	2009-2010
17- William Martin	2008-2009
16- Paul Sonier	2007-2008
15- Bob Eurich	2006-2007
14- Eric Shannon	2005-2006
13- Gorden Bergthold	2004-2005
12- Barbara Fuller	2003-2004
11- Dru Quesnoy	2002-2003
10- Dick Torrigino	2001-2002
9 - Don Estes	2000-2001
8 - H. R. Macklin	1999-2000
7 - Larry Benevento	1998-1999
6 - Gary Paden	1997-1998
5 - David Hyde	1996-1997
4 - Philip Hornburg	1995-1996
3 - Duane Scott	1994-1995
2 - Jim Cline	1993-1994
1 - Philip Hornburg	1992-1993