

**Approved**

**VISALIA ROTARY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Quail Park at Shannon Ranch Conference Room  
3440 West Flagstaff Avenue, Visalia, CA  
June 22, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:05 a.m. by Deborah Volosin, President.

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

The elections were held during the meeting and the above list of offices will be updated for the minutes of next month.

A quorum is 51% of the seventeen-member voting Board which equals nine directors; this meeting had **fourteen** quorum votes in the form of **twelve** 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 May 25, 2021 meeting stand as presented. (Motion to approve is not required.)

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Gary Simmons reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$7,955,666.00 on June 14, 2021, compared to the balance of \$7,699,222.98 on May 17, 2021. The increase is due to a combination of market fluctuations and receipt from the Rotary Club of Visalia for the annual scholarship deposit (\$26,000) and funds for the Centennial Celebration (\$100,000.) During the month \$4,000 was paid out for the Visalia Rotary Scholarship, \$500 for the Salierno Scholarship, and \$24,526.33 for the Centennial Celebration Rotary Theater remodel. The financial report will be filed. (The financial report is just that: a report; motion to approve is not required.)

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A.) Scholarship Committee – No report.
- B.) Grant Committee – Steve Chrisman announced that Gary Paden and Larry Benevento are resigning from the Committee and welcomed Deborah Volosin and Francie Langley as new committee members. The Grant Committee recommendations for grant recipients was received by the VRCF Board. Thirteen applications were received requesting a total of \$255,000 of which seven applications were chosen to receive a total of \$165,000. It was **MOVED** by Gerry Schneider, seconded by Phil Hornburg to award the following grants: Arts Visalia, \$5,000; Goldenstate YMCA, \$20,000; Happy Trails Riding Academy, \$5,000; Tulare County Child Abuse Prevention Council, \$10,000; Tulare County Hope for the Homeless, \$50,000; Visalia Emergency Aid, \$20,000; Visalia Friends of the Fox Theater, \$25,000; and Visalia Players, \$30,000. Motion **APPROVED**.
- C.) Rotary in Visalia Centennial – Gerry Schneider reported VUSD is doing much of the labor on the Rotary Theater. There will be some contract painting, refinishing the floor, new carpeting, flooring from Franey's, and the lights will dim from full to off. The Manginis have provided valuable assistance and legwork deserving of recognition, the form of which may be discussed in the future. The Rotary Theater is expected to be ready to use by October. The Save-the-Date cards should hit mailboxes in a week or two. Bid-Pal is set up for the event and \$22,500 has been received so far in sponsorships. Outreach will be extended to the community, Rotary Clubs, and Visalia Unified School District for sponsoring the 300 available seats for \$500 each or \$700 for a seat and two tickets to the celebration event.
- D.) Camp Nelson Cabin – No report; still need a face-to-face meeting; topic will be deleted from future agendas until such time as there is activity on the subject.
- E.) Website Update – Gerry Schneider projected the website on the conference room viewing screen and went through the site with the Board. The website includes history, mission statement, application forms for scholarships and grants, recipients of grants and awards, donation links, Form 990 Information Returns, bylaws, minutes, and a variety of other items too numerous to list. Many thanks to Gerry, Dru Quesnoy, and the web designer for all their hard work on the site. Thank you!
- F.) Bylaws – All the signature pages have been returned by the member clubs. The bylaws are now official. (Yay!)
- G.) T.C. Hope – Phil Hornburg reported the donation from the VRCF was instrumental in achieving the unanimous approval of the homeless shelter location by the Visalia City Council over much opposition. Thanks to committee members for making this approval a reality.
- H.) Other Old Business – Dru Quesnoy is building a PowerPoint for the website and for Foundation education presentations. Programs planned for the VRCF member clubs, including the awarding of a couple of grants each, are scheduled as follows:  
Visalia Breakfast Rotary Club – 6:30 am, July 15, 2021 at the Visalia Country Club  
Rotary Club of Visalia – Noon, July 21, 2021 at the Marriott Hotel  
Visalia County Center Rotary Club – Noon, August 3, 2021 at the Lampliter Inn  
Visalia Sunset Rotary Club – 5:30 p.m., August 9, 2021, at the Rawhide
- I.) Elections – Phil Hornburg **MOVED**, Dru Quesnoy seconded, to approve the slate of officers and directors to be elected and reaffirmed as follows:

For the year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 -  
President: Anees Akhund  
President Elect: Susan Lucas  
Immediate Past President: Deborah Volosin  
Vice President: Phil Hornburg  
Treasurer: Gary Simmons  
Secretary: Frances Langley  
Major Projects Coordinator: Marty Zeeb  
Co-Director of Grants: Donn Ritter  
Rotary Club of Visalia Representative: Scott Jacobsen  
Visalia County Center Rotary Club Representative  
Visalia Breakfast Rotary Club Representative  
Visalia Sunset Rotary Club Representative

For the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024 -  
Director of Long-Range Fund Raising/Planned Giving: Eric Shannon  
Director of Grants: Steve Chrisman  
Director of Finance and Fellowships: Ryan Purkiss  
Director of Giving Administration and Tracking: Gerry Schneider

Reaffirm for the period ending June 30, 2023 –  
Director of Scholarship Selection: Susan Lucas  
Director of Marketing: Dru Quesnoy  
Director of Scholarship Administration: Jeff Moyer

Reaffirm on-going Directors:  
Executive Director: Eric Shannon  
Executive Secretary: Duane Scott

Motion **APPROVED**.

**THANK YOU**, Deborah Volosin for serving as our President this year! We appreciate your service! (Round of applause!)

**NEW BUSINESS:** - None

**NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting will be at 7:00 am on Tuesday, July 27, 2021; Quail Park at Shannon Ranch, 3440 West Flagstaff Avenue, Visalia, CA. “Thank you!” for all you do!

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:38 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:***

29- Deborah Volosin	2020-2021
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