

Pending Approval

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 93291
With a Zoom Option
March 28, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 a.m. by President Susan Lucas.

PRESENT (*indicates voting positions followed by applicable one or three-year term expiration year): **Susan Lucas** (President*, 2023; Director of Scholarship Selection*, 2023); **Eric Shannon** (Executive Director*; Director of Long-Range Fund Raising/Planned Giving*, **Gary Simmons** (Treasurer, 2023); **Shirle Reynolds** (Executive Assistant); **Dru Quesnoy** (Director of Marketing*, 2023); **Tom Hornburg** (President Nominee, 2023); **Greg Hagopian** (VRC*, 2023); **Jeff Moyer** (Director of Scholarship Administration*, 2023); **Dennis Goebel** (VBR*, 2023); **Ryan Purkiss** (Director of Finance and Fellowships*, 2024) (Executive Secretary*; **Jeff Boswell** (Financial Advisor); **Deborah Volosin** (Director of Giving Administration and Tracking Soon-To-Be-Named Director of Gift Recognition*, 2024); Cheri Barnes (President Elect, 2023); **Donn Ritter** (Director of Grants*, 2024);

ABSENT: 2024); **Francie Langley** (Secretary, 2023); **Marty Zeeb** (Major Projects Coordinator Soon-To-Be-Named Director of Fund Raising/Events, 2023); **Jarrold Harbour** (VSR*, 2023); **Phil Hornburg** (Board Member Emeritus); **Gerry Schneider** (Vice President, 2023); **Anees Akhund** (Immediate Past President*, 2023); **Liset Caudillo** (Latino Rotary) **Gene Yunt**; **Kris Lareau** (VCC*, 2023); **Steve Chrisman** (Board Member Emeritus); and **Duane Scott** (Board Member Emeritus).

A quorum is 33 1/3% of the fifteen-member voting Board which equals five directors; this meeting had **nine** votes in the form of **eleven** directors toward a quorum. 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 28, 2023, meeting stand as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: From Financial report - The total balance in all the accounts was \$6,941,339.48 as of March 23, 2023, compared to the balance of \$7,014,671.47 as of February 23, 2023. \$5,500 was disbursed during the month on grants and scholarships.

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) Scholarship Committee – Susan Lucas. Susan Lucas said that after speaking with Liz Wynn, Liz states she is very interested in doing the work but does not want to be on another board. Susan feels she has come up with a solution regarding this. She has spoken to

Anees Akhund who is currently on this board as Past President and is also on the scholarship committee and he has agreed to take over the board position and Liz will assist with the work, and they will be co-chairs of it. Susan has provided a written votive in detail on how to go about doing the job of Director of Scholarships.

- B.) Grant Committee –Donn Ritter – We have only received two grant applications currently. The process and application have been revised a little bit and made easier. Last year Deborah Volosin and Francie Langley joined the committee, and this year Todd Martin has also joined the committee. We strive to have all clubs represented. The question was asked about if there was any reason to market that we are looking for grant applications? The reply: anybody is able to ask but VRFCF wants projects in Visalia. Last year there were a few new organizations that benefited from the grant that was awarded to them here in Visalia. We would like to increase our north county ties, so if there is a non-profit organization looking for a grant from there, we would like to review their application. Here is a real possibility of more needs in the area, Donn Ritter will reach out to Dinuba Chamber of Commerce and Orosi with the possibility of more nonprofit agencies in that area that could possibly benefit from a grant. The deadline for Grant applications is May 15, 2023. Deborah Volosin will be asking the presidents of the clubs to add to their announcements to inquire about any non-profits that would like to apply.
- C.) Website Update –Nil report
- D.) Respite House –Unfortunately we were unable to obtain a report.
- E.) Latino Club – Deborah Volosin spoke with The Latino Club – Liset and let them know what the Latino Club needs to do to be part of the Visalia Rotary Board and laid the groundwork for them. Deborah has been in touch with Liset Caudillo of the Latino club, and we welcome their involvement.
- F.) St. Patrick’s Day Party –Dru Quesnoy reported the St. Patrick’s Day Party, named the Blarney Bashw was a success. It was reported that it was a blast with a lot of tickets purchased at the last minute. It was a great turnout. 166 is what was reported paid to be there. Dinner was delicious. All the clubs participated and provided games. It was a great way for all our clubs to come together for the foundation. People moved around in the event center and were mingling. Overall, it was very well received. Many thanks to the committee for a wonderful event. We were able to make \$6000. The money that was raised went to City Serve with the emphasis to benefit the North County. After what was raised and additional \$4,000 donated from Visalia Rotary Community Foundation it was a \$10,000 donation. Imagine U proved to be a wonderful venue. At the wrap up meeting they stated they would like to do it again! It was proposed for it to be an annual event.
- G.) Tom Hornburg brought a guest, Edger is a Rotary foreign exchange student from France and will be staying with Tom Hornburg.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) Wine and Cheese reception for Phil and Duane and Steve in appreciation of all their service has been proposed.
- B.) Groundbreaking for TC Hope on April 10, 2023 at 10:00 am.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be at Respite House, 614 S. Watson, Visalia CA at 7:00 am on April 25, 2023,. “Thank you!” for all you do for The Foundation and our community!

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:23 a.m.

Shirle Reynolds
Administrative Assistant

Foundation President Rotation Schedule:

VSR – Cheri Barnes 2023-2024

VCC – Tom Hornburg 2024-2025

VLR – if reinstated

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VRC

With appreciation and thanks, we honor our Past Presidents:

30- Anees Akhund	2021-2022
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