

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  
April 25, 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); **Dennis Goebel** (VBR\*, 2023); **Greg Hagopian** (VRC\*, 2023); **Jeff Moyer** (Director of Scholarship Administration\*, 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) **Anees Akhund** (Immediate Past President\*, 2023); ); **Phil Hornburg** (Board Member Emeritus)(Zoom);

**ABSENT**: 2024); **Francie Langley** (Secretary, 2023); **Jarrold Harbour** (VSR\*, 2023 **Gerry Schneider** (Vice President, 2023); **Liset Caudillo** (Latino Rotary) **Gene Yunt**; **Kris Lareau** (VCC\*, 2023); **Steve Chrisman** (Board Member Emeritus); and **Duane Scott** (Board Member Emeritus). ); **Tom Hornburg** (President Nominee, 2023);

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 March 28, 2023, meeting stand as presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**: Presented by Gary Simmons; Financial report - The total balance in all the accounts was \$6,684,901.64 as of April 20, 2023, compared to the balance of \$6,941,339.48 as of March 23, 2023. \$10,000 was disbursed during the month for a grant to City Serve for Flood Grant. Ryan Purkiss stated that there is a misprint in LS that it did not go down 20% but was basically flat. Ryan will get together with Jeff Boswell and the investment committee to see if and what allocation changes need to be made.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A.) Scholarship Committee – Susan Lucas. The Scholarship Committee had over 100 applications to go through. All Scholarships (see below who the Scholarships were

awarded to) were awarded except the Dwelle Scholarship and the scholarship committee will be meeting with all eight candidates on April 28, 2023 to determine which student will receive the scholarship. The following other scholarships have been awarded.

- 1) Jan and Bill Nash Scholarship \$4000 to Devin Calderon
- 2) Dick Watson – STEM \$2,000 Girl – Laiba Hassan - Redwood, UC Merced-Neonatologist
- 3) Dick Watson – STEM \$2,000 Boy – Enrique Martinex - Golden West. Stanford – Neurosurgeon
- 4) Provident Salierno Music Scholarship \$1,000 each:  
Madison Wood -Golden West. Brigham Young – Music Education K-12, Music Teacher  
Mia Santeliz-El Diamante. UC tbd – Professional Violinist/Music Professor  
Benito Mares-Tulare Union. UC Santa Cruz-Physicist but has unbreakable bond with music and wishes to perform in band and drama throughout his life  
Devon Calderon-Redwood. Fresno State – Composer  
Alyssa Sozinho – Redwood. Cal Poly – Wants to return to Visalia to be a Music Teacher

Transfer of Director of Scholarship. Most of it is well organized for the transfer. Susan Lucas states that she has a manual to give to Anees Akhund in detail. Liz Wynn already has one and will be at the meeting for the Dwelle interviews for that Scholarship. Liz Wynn was also at the meeting where the committee awarded all the scholarships last week. Anees Akhund will be on the Visalia Rotary Community Foundation Board and will be working with Liz Wynn who will be assisting.

- B.) Grant Committee –Donn Ritter – Five grant applications have been received to date– The grant committee will meet in another four to five weeks. These applications and any other applications that come in before the deadline will be discussed at the committee meeting and then if approved will go to the board in June for the July distribution.
- C.) Respite House –Nile report
- D.) Latino Club – Nile Report
- E.) St. Patrick’s Day Party –Dru Quesnoy reported the St. Patrick’s Day party’s next year date has been established and will be Thursday March 14, 2024 The Thursday before St. Patrick’s Day.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.) Wine and Cheese reception for Phil and Duane and Steve in appreciation of all their service has been established for Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at Quail Park at Shannon Ranch at 5:30PM.
- B.) Phil Hornburg stated that Steve Chrisman contacted him regarding grant requests that were awarded outside of Visalia. Eric Shannon, spoke and stated that one of our largest donors was raised and lived his whole life in the Dinuba area and we were honoring his wishes by contributing to the Munson Sultana School and helping the flood victims from the area through the donation to City Serve. Our mission as the Visalia Rotary Community Foundation has not waivered.
- C.) Webb Page - Donn Ritter wanted to discuss hiring someone to keep the Visalia Rotary Community Foundation web page current. It was discussed that this position be paid \$50 monthly. This person will keep track of their time for the boards reference. This person will be the one to communicate with the person that manages our site. The motion was made by Susan Lucas and seconded by Donn Ritter; motion was approved.
- D.) A BIG Congratulations going out to Marty Zebb for the Man of the Year award from the Visalia Chamber of Commerce.

**NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting will June 27,2023 at 7:00 AM be at Quail Park at Shannon Ranch. “Thank you!” for all you do for The Foundation and our community!

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:18 a.m.

Shirle Reynolds  
Administrative Assistant

**Foundation President Rotation Schedule:**

VSR – Cheri Barnes                    2023-2024  
VCC – Tom Hornburg                    2024-2025  
VLR – if reinstated  
VBR  
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
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