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**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

August 22, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:04 a.m. by President Cheri Barnes.

PRESENT (*indicates voting positions followed by applicable one or three-year term expiration year): Cheri Barnes (President*, 2024); Eric Shannon (Executive Director*; Director of Long-Range Fund Raising/Planned Giving*, 2024); Ryan Purkiss (Executive Secretary*; Director of Finance and Fellowships*, 2024); Gerry Schneider (Vice President*, 2024); Gary Simmons (Treasurer*, 2024); Francie Langley (Secretary*, 2024); Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant); Dru Quesnoy (Director of Public Relations and Marketing*, 2025; Director of Fund Raising/Events*, 2025); Deborah Volosin (Director of Gift Recognition*, 2024); Marc Mertz (VRC*, 2024); Jeff Boswell (Financial Advisor); **ABSENT**: Anees Akhund (Past President*, 2024; Director of Scholarship Selection*, 2025); Jeff Moyer (Director of Scholarship Administration*, 2024); Donn Ritter (Director of Grants*, 2024; Co-Director of Fund Raising/Events, 2025); Tom Hornburg (President Elect, 2024); Karl Schoettler (VCC*, 2024); George Vasquez (VBR*, 2024); Matt Gaebe (VSR*, 2024); Vacant (President Nominee, 2024); Phil Hornburg (Board Member Emeritus); Steve Chrisman (Board Member Emeritus); and Duane Scott (Board Member Emeritus); Gene Yunt .

A quorum is 33 1/3% of the nineteen-member voting Board which equals six directors; this meeting had **eight** 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 meeting on July 25, 2023, will be reviewed at the next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Gary Simmons reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$6,319,893.62 (total assets: \$7,103,922.64) as of August 18, 2023, compared to the balance of \$6,493,502.38 (total assets: \$7,380,725.62) as of July 21, 2023. \$122,000 was disbursed during the month for grants and scholarships. The Treasurer has sent dues notices to the member clubs.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) Scholarship Committee – No report.
- B.) Grant Committee – Deborah Volosin reported that grant checks have been presented at the member club meetings. Gary Simmons reported he has been receiving “thank you” notes.
- C.) Respite House – Deborah Volosin reported that use of the Respite House is increasing. During the months of May, June, and July, Al’s Place was used 26 days and Sharon’s Place was used 42 days.

- D.) Wine & Cheese Reception – Eric Shannon reported that the details will be fine-tuned as the date draws near.
- E.) Rotary Theater – Gerry Schneider reported Visalia Unified School District is working on the dressing rooms at the Rotary Theater. They are not looking for funds from us for the dressing rooms, however, there are other needs. Gerry will get information about other needs and prioritize those needs. No progress on the landscaping; Gerry will follow-up.
- F.) Website – Gerry Schneider asked the Board to decide on the website content. It should be reviewed by each VRCF director for their respective content each month to determine if updates are needed (e.g.: Scholarship Director requests updates for scholarship page, Grants Director for their page, etc.) Directors need to give the information to Gerry who can work with Cheri’s daughter, Gabby, to update the website. Gerry asked for a standing agenda item to ask for website updates each month. We need to decide who has access to the website.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Karl Weiss Fellowship Plaques – Deborah Volosin said some of the member clubs are asking for status and levels reached by donors. Each club allocates their dues toward Fellowships differently. Some member clubs allocate their Foundation dues to each club member and some match donations from members. Gerry Schneider suggested a report be prepared once a year to inform donors of their status. The VRCF prepares the plaques and he suggested a few be presented at club meetings and/or events about November to be visible for year-end giving. Gary Simmons needs the information from member clubs listing who receives credit for the donations/dues.
- B. Meeting Notifications – Gerry Schneider recommended that upcoming board meeting reminders be emailed a week prior to board meetings with tentative agenda items.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be at 7:00 am on September 26, 2023, at Quail Park at Shannon Ranch conference room, 3440 W. Flagstaff Avenue, Visalia, CA with a Zoom option. “Thank you!” for all you do for The Foundation and our community!

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:28 a.m.

Francie Langley
Secretary

Foundation President Rotation Schedule:

VCC – Tom Hornburg 2024-2025

VLR – if reinstated

VBR

VRC

With appreciation and thanks, we honor our Past Presidents:

31-Susan Lucas 2022-2023

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