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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
September 26, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Eric Shannon, Executive Director.

PRESENT (*indicates voting positions followed by applicable one or three-year term expiration year): 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); Anees Akhund (Past President*, 2024; Director of Scholarship Selection*, 2025); Jeff Moyer (Director of Scholarship Administration*, 2024); Dru Quesnoy (Director of Public Relations and Marketing*, 2025; Director of Fund Raising/Events*, 2025); Donn Ritter (Director of Grants*, 2024; Co-Director of Fund Raising/Events, 2025); Deborah Volosin (Director of Gift Recognition*, 2024); Marc Mertz (VRC*, 2024); Phil Hornburg (Board Member Emeritus); Jeff Boswell (Financial Advisor); **ABSENT**: Cheri Barnes (President*, 2024); Tom Hornburg (President Elect, 2024); Karl Schoettler (VCC*, 2024); George Vasquez (VBR*, 2024); Matt Gaebe (VSR*, 2024); Vacant (President Nominee, 2024); 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 **eleven** votes in the form of **fifteen** 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 meetings on July 25, 2023, and August 22, 2023, stand as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Gary Simmons reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$6,320,219.12 (total assets: \$7,099,135.16) as of September 21, 2023, compared to the balance of \$6,319,893.62 (total assets: \$7,103,922.64) as of August 18, 2023. \$1,000 was disbursed during the month for the Watson Scholarship.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) Scholarship Committee – Anees Akhund reported he is familiarizing himself with his committee. He proposed emailing student applications to committee members to read so meetings can efficiently dispatch meeting business. He plans to co-ordinate the application with the schools, so the applications received by the committee are uniform. Donn Ritter suggested scheduling adequate time to discuss the applications at the meeting given some of the scholarship programs take longer than others.

- B.) Grant Committee – Donn Ritter reported we have received two thank you notes.
- C.) Respite House – Deborah Volosin suggested reporting on a quarterly basis rather than monthly. When she receives reports from the hospital the reports are usually several months at a time.
- D.) Wine & Cheese Reception – Eric Shannon reported the date is set for December 12, 2023. Eric, Donn Ritter, and Dru Quesnoy will develop details as we near to December 12.
- E.) Rotary Theater – Gerry Schneider reported he met with Matt Terry, the Facilities Director for the theater. He told Gerry the stage lighting needs replacement. A bid was received from NTM Productions for \$96,173.40. There will still be funds available for the recognition wall and the landscaping. It was **MOVED** by Donn Ritter and seconded by Dru Quesnoy to pay for the Rotary Theater Lighting Upgrades. Motion **APPROVED**. Gerry is meeting with the Grounds Maintenance Director to discuss the plans to update the landscaping around the theater and to ensure the landscaping can be maintained by Visalia Unified School District (VUSD.) Donn Ritter suggested artificial turf to save water and avoid brown spots in the grass. Gerry will also inquire if VUSD will repair the sprinkler system or if we need to hire someone.
- F.) Website – Gerry Schneider indicated a need to determine the opening scene on our website. Donn Ritter stressed we do a better job of getting information to Gabby. It was suggested Gabby attend our meetings so she will be aware of what to post on the website. Gerry reminded us we agreed to pay Gabby \$50 a month and said if we want her to come to our meetings, we should consider increasing her monthly payment. Gary Simmons asked Gerry to let Gabby know we need an invoice from her so we can pay her. Dru Quesnoy suggested building a calendar of events. Dru said she could reach out to the member clubs for information. Eric suggested a story and pictures on the website about our founders. He suggested putting this together after the December 12th wine and cheese event.
- G.) Other Old Business – Dru Quesnoy reported the TC Hope foundation is in place and the building has begun. Grants have been received from the state and city so there is enough money to complete the building. She estimated a need for approximately \$1.2 million to furnish the building and provide consumable supplies. A short fall of about \$700,000 is expected in the first year. The “dedication wall” will be a tree with a leaf to thank each sponsor. It’s a good beginning.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Member Club President Elects – Gerry Schneider requested member club representatives be contacted to be sure they are aware of our meeting time and place. Donn Ritter said Visalia Sunset Rotary has been in contact with their representative.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be at 7:00 am on October 24, 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 7:32 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