

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 93291
With a Zoom Option
December 12, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Cheri Barnes, President.

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); Gary Simmons (Treasurer*, 2024); Francie Langley (Secretary*, 2024); Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant); Tom Hornburg (President Elect, 2024); 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); Deborah Volosin (Director of Gift Recognition*, 2024); Marc Mertz (VRC*, 2024); Karl Schoettler (VCC*, 2024); Matt Gaebe (VSR*, 2024); Jeff Boswell (Financial Advisor). **ABSENT**: Gerry Schneider (Vice President*, 2024); Donn Ritter (Director of Grants*, 2024; Co-Director of Fund Raising/Events, 2025); George Vasquez (VBR*, 2024); Vacant (President Nominee, 2024); Gene Yunt.

Board Members Emeriti: Phil Hornburg, Duane Scott, and Steve Chrisman. Thank you for your service!

A quorum is 33 1/3% of the nineteen-member voting Board which equals six directors; this meeting had **twelve** 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 October 24, 2023, stand as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Gary Simmons reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$6,537,810.52 (total assets: \$7,258,618.31) as of December 7, 2023, compared to the balance of \$6,178,614.60 (total assets: \$6,906,715.01) as of October 19, 2023. During the month disbursements were \$500 for the Salierno Scholarship, \$3,000 for the Harrell Scholarship, and \$1,000 for the Watson Scholarship. (nota bene: All the clubs have paid their dues for the year.)

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) Scholarship Committee – Anees Akhund is thrilled with his wonderful committee. The goal of the committee this year is to continue improving the application process and timeline which includes electronic applications accessible through the Foundation

- website. Kudos to Jeff Moyer for his exemplary administration of the scholarships. Thank you! (Also, thank you Jeff, for the use of your facilities to conduct our meetings!)
- B.) Grant Committee – Cheri Barnes reported a couple of grant requests have been received. (Yes, the requests are early, but that’s okay!)
 - C.) Respite House – Deborah Volosin provided reports on Respite House use during the months of August, September, and October. The usage graph presented shows an uptick in use during October. It is hoped that as the facilities are used more it will be easier for hospital staff to remember its availability. Dru Quesnoy suggested submitting an article to the “Vital Signs” publication with the history of the Respite House and its purpose.
 - D.) T C Hope – Dru Quesnoy is excited to report the sheetrock is going on to the building (the building is massive; very impressive!) The building is fully funded and now a year end funding request has been issued for furniture and supplies.
 - E.) Wine & Cheese Reception – Eric Shannon reported the event is this evening, 5 pm to 7 pm, at Quail Park Shannon Ranch. It isn’t designed to raise awareness of the Foundation but to honor Phil Hornburg, Duane Scott, and Steve Chrisman for their dedication and vision. Due to the vision of the founders, the Foundation has remained steady over the years to include all the clubs, to help the needy within the Visalia Unified School District boundaries (with a couple of special requests outside those boundaries,) and to provide grants to local non-profit organizations at a level greater than what the clubs fund on their own. Thank you, Phil, Duane, and Steve! (Jerald of the Sunset Club will be taking pictures of the event this evening. Thank you!)
 - F.) Rotary Theater – Eric Shannon reported he attended an event at the theater recently. He was impressed with the lighting and how well the facility is being maintained. He reiterated the landscaping needs to be upkeep friendly and student “proof” as much as possible.
 - G.) Website – Dru Quesnoy reported that the website is developing an overview of the Foundation history including pictures. It is hoped the member clubs will share their calendars and event announcements/flyers. Links are planned to member clubs’ websites, and hopefully links from the clubs’ websites to the Foundation website. Club representatives (Mark Mertz, Karl Schoettler, George Vasquez, and Matt Gaebe,) please keep your club informed about Foundation activities. Thank you!

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Executive Assistant – Eric Shannon reported the Executive Committee recommends the position of Executive Assistant, currently held by Shirle Reynolds, be paid \$40 an hour for 40 hours a month, hours plus or minus as work requires, and so **MOVED**. The motion was seconded. Discussion was held to point out that the Foundation has become large enough that we risk burning out our volunteers. The position of Executive Assistant will act as a clearing house and provide continuity as it helps to remind committees of their responsibilities and helps the committees carry out activities. Motion **APPROVED**. Anees is hopeful that Shirle will have time to expand marketing for the Foundation through social media and “advertising.” Shirle has established a dedicated email address: shirle@mail.com. Thank you, Shirle!
- B. Blarney Bash – It’s back! Scheduled for March 14, 2024, at Imagine U, the committee will start serious work in January. Plans for this year include active fundraising for sponsorships (as opposed to casual requests for sponsorships!) Dru Quesnoy asked the

member clubs to join the team. She requested member club representatives help obtain a member of their club to be responsible for a booth at the event. Contact Dru for details on booth activities. (I think she mentioned each booth provides a game for attendees to play.)

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be at 7:00 am on January 23, 2024, 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 7:29 a.m. Thank you Cheri for being president!

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