

**VISALIA ROTARY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Buckman-Mitchell, Inc. Community Room  
500 North Santa Fe Avenue, Visalia, CA  
October 26, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00 am by Marty Zeeb, President.

**PRESENT** ( \* indicates voting positions): Marty Zeeb (President\*), Eric Shannon (Executive Chairman\*; Long-Range Fund Raising\*), Larry Benevento (Treasurer; Director of Planned Giving\*), Francie Langley (Secretary; Director of Invisibility), Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Don Ritter (Immediate Past President '15-'16\*), Steve Chrisman (Director of Grants\*), Susan Lucas (Director of Scholarship Selection\*), Ryan Purkiss (Director of Finance\*), Gerry Schneider (Director of Nothing), Barbra Hood (VSR\*), Suzanna "SAM" Aguilera-Marrero (VLR\*), Lina Contreras (Pres. Visalia Latino Rotary Club (VLR)). **ABSENT**: Duane Scott (Executive Secretary/Treasurer\*), Lloyd Hicks (President Elect), Phil Hornburg (Vice President), Peter Golombek (Major Projects Coordinator), Dru Quesnoy (Director of Marketing\*), Steve Perry (Director of Scholarship Administration\*), Jon Pree (VRC\*), Deborah Volosin (VCC\*), Scott James (VBR\*), Don Hutton, Gary Paden, Paul Sonier, and Gene Yunt.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the September 28, 2016 meeting were accepted as presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Francie Langley reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$4,520,407.71 at October 24, 2016 compared to \$4,549,507.31 at September 22, 2016. Since the last meeting, \$13,000 was disbursed for scholarships COS awarded. Total collected for the Respite House to date is \$303,602.69; \$449,436.95 has been disbursed toward the Respite House. The General Fund Checking Account has been increased in anticipation of paying the final bill from B.J. Perch. The Financial Report will be filed. **(Reminder)** The Foundation is now registered with Amazon Smile Foundation. Shop online at smile.amazon.com for eligible merchandise and .5% of the purchase will be donated to our Foundation; **Club Representatives** please remind your clubs.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A.) Scholarship Committee – Susan Lucas reported scholarships were awarded to two vocational nursing program students of San Joaquin Valley College. Funds are available for four or five more vocational scholarships. The committee is trying to disburse information for music scholarships. She's working with Juan Hernandez of the Latino Club for the posters to promote the music scholarships.
- B.) Respite House – Eric Shannon reported the house is done and we're waiting for BJ's final bill. It looks like the project may come in under budget. BJ and many of the subcontractors contributed much of their profit. There was some good publicity in the newspaper. Although it doesn't appear the house has been used yet, hospital security drives by the house several times a day and the newspaper is being delivered. The VRCF Board extends a special acknowledgment to Don Hutton, Cathy Hutton, and Dru Quesnoy for all their work on the open house events. Thank you!

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A.) Grant Committee - Spread the word to organizations to get started on their grant applications; remind any interested parties that grants are awarded in spring and it takes several months to process the applications and choose the recipients.

B.) The vocal group, "Terra Bella," featuring two Visalia natives, is interested in doing a fundraising concert around St. Patrick's Day. Proceeds would benefit Valley Children's Hospital. With a satellite facility located in Visalia, it would be a good project for the VRCF. By using the cotton gin seed house, the overhead would be low, and it would help promote both the group and VRCF. KJUG and Bueno Beverage Company were suggested as possible contributors. It would be an easy and fun event and provide good publicity for the Foundation.

**NEXT MEETING:** Since the next meeting will be around the holidays, the date will be announced once the meeting room availability is confirmed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:25 a.m. (Well done, Marty!)

Francie Langley

Secretary