

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
June 22, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00 am by President, Don Ritter.

PRESENT (* indicates voting positions): Don Ritter (President*), Eric Shannon (Executive Chairman*; Long-Range Fund Raising*), Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Duane Scott (Executive Secretary/Treasurer*), Phil Hornburg (Vice President), Larry Benevento (Treasurer; Director of Planned Giving*), Francie Langley (Secretary; Director of Invisibility), Gerry Schneider (Immediate Past President*), Marty Zeeb (President Elect), Steve Chrisman (Director of Grants*), Peter Golombek (Major Projects Coordinator), Don Hutton, Susan Lucas (Director of Scholarship Selection*), Steve Perry (Director of Scholarship Administration*), Rocky Pipkin, Ryan Purkiss (Director of Finance*), Dru Quesnoy (Director of Marketing*), Cindy Meyer (VBR*), and Lora Owen (VCC*). **ABSENT:** Gary Paden, Gene Yunt, Susan Winey (VRC*), Wendy Anderson (VSR*), Anabelle Chavez (LRC*), and Juan Hernandez.

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 25, 2016 meeting were approved presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Duane Scott reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$4,537,663.15 at June 20, 2016 compared to \$4,518,313.55 at May 19, 2016. Since the last meeting, \$53,911.54 was disbursed for Respite House Expenses. Total collected for the Respite House to date is \$237,588.00 and a total \$252,758.79 has been disbursed toward the Respite House. 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.) Respite House – Don Hutton reported July 20th is expected completion date. Phil Hornburg distributed a list of donors to the project for inclusion on the granite acknowledgement plaque that will go on the outside wall of the Respite House. July 13th the families of Al Fisher and Sharon Shannon, will have a private viewing of the house. August 4 is the date for in-kind and cash donors appreciation event including food, beverages and a chance to tour the facility. Ribbon cutting and actual key turnover on August 18th from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm for all Rotarians, representatives of the City of Visalia, Chamber of Commerce, and Kaweah Delta Hospital. Fundraising and receipt of grant funds have been going well. **MOVED** by Gerry Schneider and seconded by Dru Quesnoy to pay the cost of the three Respite House receptions. **APPROVED.**
- B.) Scholarship Committee – Susan Lucas reported Scholarship Committee having a break until the next application season. Steve Perry reported one of the Downtown Club's scholarship recipients is here legally on a visa and has supplied an identification number for federal purposes, but not a social security number. She still needs to supply her class

schedule, but has been deemed qualified. The results of the discussion that followed reviewed that legal residents with federal tax numbers can be awarded scholarships. It was decided the scholarship applications should require the applicable number. Thank you, Steve, Susan and your committees, for a wonderful job!

- C.) 2016 Grants - Steve Chrisman distributed the list of recommended grants for 2016. Grants of \$300,000 were requested and \$100,000 was awarded to ten organizations: Act for Women & Girls, \$5,000; Assistance League, \$5,000; Blanket Ladies, \$5,000; FoodLink for Tulare County, \$30,000; Friends of the Fox Theatre, \$5,000; Happy Trails Riding Academy, \$5,000, Pro Youth Heart Program, \$6,000; Visalia Emergency Aid Council, \$9,000; Rotary Clubs of Visalia (for the Respite House), \$20,000; and Visalia Gleaning Seniors, \$10,000. (Since the Foundation began, over \$1.2 million has been given back to the community through grants, not including scholarships.) MOVED by Eric Shannon and seconded by Ryan Purkiss to award the grants as recommended by the Grant Committee. APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS

- A.) 2016-2017 Committee Selection - Bill Mathis and Lloyd Hicks are candidates for President Elect from the Visalia Breakfast Rotary Club. Committee Chairmen will stay the same. It is the new President's job to assign committee members. This subject was submitted as an agenda item for the next meeting.
- B.) Sunset Rotary is selling tickets, at \$50 each, for a side of beef to be awarded July 14th at the Planing Mill (they are only selling 250 tickets.)

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 27, 2016, 7 a.m., Buckman-Mitchell, Inc. Community Room, 500 North Santa Fe Avenue, Visalia, CA.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:42 a.m.

Francie Langley
Secretary