

APPROVED – July 23, 2019

**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 25, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Donn Ritter, Past President 2015-2016.

PRESENT (*indicates voting positions): Eric Shannon (Executive Chairman*; Director of Long-Range Fund Raising*), Duane Scott (Executive Secretary/Treasurer*), Phil Hornburg (Vice President), Anees Akhund (Treasurer; Director of Planned Giving*), Francie Langley (Secretary*), Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Lloyd Hicks (Immediate Past President 2017-2018*), Steve Chrisman (Director of Grants*), Susan Lucas (Director of Scholarship Selection*), Ryan Purkiss (Director of Finance* and President Elect), Donn Ritter (Director of Scholarship Administration*), Gerry Schneider (Giving Administration/Tracking*), Marty Zeeb (Major Projects Coordinator*), Paul Hurley (VRC*), Tom Hornburg (VCC*), Todd Martin (VBR*), Patrick Lozano (VSR*), and Gene Yunt. **ABSENT**: Bruce Nicotero (President*), Dru Quesnoy (Director of Marketing*), and Sarahelena Martinez (VLR*).

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 28, 2019 meeting stand as corrected; however, the correction related to item not in the minutes written by the Secretary of the Board, but to an item added by someone else.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Duane Scott reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$5,254,364.85 at June 19, 2019 compared to the balance of \$5,172,068.84 at May 23, 2019. The financial report shall 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 three “Thank You” notes were received, and one arrived with a picture. A discussion followed regarding receiving permission to post pictures of scholarship recipients on the website or other venues. The committee will work on a method to receive pictures with thank you notes and permission to use the picture.
- B.) Scholarship Administration – Susan Lucas reported that Jeff Moyer plans to scan the information currently in two large binders to allow the information to be more available to the committee.
- C.) Grant Committee – Steve Chrisman presented the proposed grant recipients: Able Industries, Inc. - \$20,000; Assistance League of Visalia - \$5,000; Friendship House (Girl Scouts) - \$12,000; G for Kids Foundation - \$5,000; Self Help Enterprises - \$10,000; Tulare County Historical Society - \$15,000; Visalia Emergency Aid Council - \$15,000; Visalia Education Foundation – \$10,000; Visalia Gleaning Seniors, Inc. - \$10,000; total proposed

grants equal \$102,000. Phil Hornburg **MOVED** the proposed grants be accepted. Motion was seconded and **ACCEPTED**. Each Foundation member club will present some of the grants at their regularly scheduled meetings.

- D.) Brewfest – Donn Ritter reported over \$37,000 in sponsorships has been pledged and/or collected, but there have been no tickets sold with five weeks still to go. Member clubs were asked to promote ticket sales and request volunteers to help greet, serve, etc. General admission is \$50 and volunteers receive a VIP ticket at the general admission price. The goal for this fundraiser is \$50,000. Discussion was held to consider lowering the general admission ticket price to \$25 next year.
- E.) Respite House - Phil Hornburg reported that the Respite House is not being used as much as it should be. Apparently, a change in personnel at the hospital is the cause. Bruce Nicotero wrote a letter to the hospital, which the Shannon and Fisher Family representatives signed. Donn Ritter emailed Gary Herbst and will follow up on that email. Don Hutton will investigate the situation, too.
- F.) Future President Elect – Tom Hornburg reported that County Center Rotary Club Board of Directors discussed possible candidates for Foundation President Elect and will approach the candidates and ask them to serve. It’s helpful for future presidents to attend board meetings to learn about the Foundation and about meetings before their term begins.

NEW BUSINESS

- A.) The Rotary Club of Visalia Centennial – Gerry Schneider reported that he and co-chairs, Susan Lucas and Bruce Nicotero, have met with representatives of the Rotary clubs in Visalia and all are enthusiastic about participating in this celebration. It was decided that the centennial will be celebrated as “100 Years of Rotary in Visalia.” The celebration will include an event (a Roaring 20’s Party; the date is provisionally set for January 29, 2022,) a project (perhaps improving the Rotary Theater,) and a history of Rotary in Visalia. Foundation member club representatives will seek members in their respective clubs to contribute their talents to this committee.

NEXT MEETING: *Reminder: Regular meetings are now on Tuesdays.* Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 7:00 am; meeting to be held at the Buckman-Mitchell, Inc. Community Room, 500 North Santa Fe Avenue, Visalia, CA. “Thank you!” for all you do!

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:40 a.m.

Francie Langley
Secretary

Foundation President Rotation Schedule:

VSR – Ryan Purkiss	2019-2020
VCC – Deborah Volosin	2020-2021
VLR –	2021-2022
VBR – Anees Akhund	2022-2023
VRC –	2023-2024

Past Presidents:

Dale Bruder	2013-2014
Gerry Schneider	2014-2015
Donn Ritter	2015-2016
Marty Zeeb	2016-2017
Lloyd Hicks	2017-2018
Bruce Nicotero	2018-2019