

**VISALIA ROTARY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
FRANCIE'S MOST EXCELLENT MINUTES AND VIEW OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Buckman-Mitchell, Inc. Community Room
500 North Santa Fe Avenue, Visalia, CA
March 25, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:03 am by President Gerry Schneider.

PRESENT: Gerry Schneider (President), Francie Langley (Secretary), Dale Bruder (Immediate Past President), Donn Ritter (President Elect), Steve Chrisman, Peter Golombek, Phil Hornburg, Susan Lucas, Gary Paden, Ryan Purkiss, Paul Sonier, Lee Goldstein (VRC), Jim Sullins (VCC), Bill Mathis (VBR), and Juan Hernandez (LRC). **ABSENT:** Eric Shannon (Executive Chairman), Duane Scott (Executive Secretary/Treasurer), Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Larry Benevento (Treasurer), Al Fisher, Don Hutton, Dru Quesnoy, Gene Yunt, Russ Desch (VSR), Consuelo Maravilla (LRC), and Wendy Anderson (VSR President Elect).

MINUTES: The minutes of the February 25, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Ryan Purkiss reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$4,602,392.66 as of March 18, 2015 compared to \$4,636,952.80 at February 21, 2015. Ryan reported that the finance committee analyzes the funds and rebalances as needed. Investments are performing well year to date. **(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 – Phil Hornburg reported the project is moving forward. The plans will be submitted to the Visalia Planning Commission on Monday, April 13th at 7 pm. The revised lease agreement with Kaweah Delta Hospital has been submitted to the hospital and is being reviewed; a reply is expected by June.
- B.) Scholarship Committee – Susan Lucas reported that the scholarship applications are in from all 5 high schools. Susan read an inspirational “Thank You” letter from a Harrell Scholarship recipient. Laura Owen and Hollis Fernandez from VCC are interested in joining the committee. Susan said there were many applicants. Planning is in the works to track student achievements and course completion. Thank you, Susan, for a wonderful job!
- C.) Website – Gerry Schneider said most pages on the site now have content, navigation has been improved, and he is now able to adjust some parts of the website. Doug Arnold is still tweaking it. Dru will continue to edit the spelling and grammar, etc. Take a look at the website and give feedback to Gerry or Dru. Interest was expressed in tracking hits. Gerry, Dru, and Doug: we appreciate your work on the website!
- D.) 2015 Grants and Scholarships: Steve Chrisman reported the initial committee meeting was held and grant applications are being accepted. Give your clubs the word. We have \$100,000 to give out. The Foundation policy limits the grants to projects in Visalia.

NEW BUSINESS: Gary Paden reported the Porterville Rotary 501(c) (3) organization is winding down and has asked if the VRCF would accept the balance of their Drug Court funds of approximately \$13,000. After a brief discussion concerning the size of the account and the costs to track the funds, the subject was tabled while Gary looks into Friends of Tulare County holding the funds.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 7 a.m., Buckman-Mitchell, Inc. Community Room, 500 North Santa Fe Avenue, Visalia, CA.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:34 a.m.

Francie Langley
Secretary