

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
December 02, 2015

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

PRESENT (* indicates voting positions): Donn Ritter (President*), Phil Homburg (Vice President*), Dru Quesnoy (Director of Marketing*), Larry Benevento (Treasurer; Director of Planned Giving*), Gerry Schneider (Immediate Past President*), Cindy Meyer (VBR*) Susan Lucas (Director of Scholarship Selection*), Susan Winey (VRC*), and Lora Owen (VCC*). Peter Golombek (Major Projects Coordinator), Don Hutton, Gary Paden, Paul Sonier, Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Marty Zeeb (President Elect),

ABSENT: Gene Yunt, Wendy Anderson (VSR*), Anabelle Chavez (LRC*), Vacant Position (Director of Scholarship Administration*), Eric Shannon (Executive Chairman*; Long-Range Fund Raising*) Duane Scott (Executive Secretary/Treasurer*),*), Francie Langley (Secretary), Steve Chrisman (Director of Grants*), Ryan Purkiss (Director of Finance*),

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 28, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Phil Hornburg reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$4,552,232.05 as of November 25, 2015 compared to \$4,426,315.77 at October 21, 2015. Since the last meeting \$1191.50 was disbursed for Respite House expenses. Respite House shows as an Asset on the books in the amount of \$75,744.70. Total Cash Donations received to date for Respite House \$103,825.00. Note: Al Fisher designated \$100,000 dollars be left to the VRCF from his estate. His son, Mark designated \$25,000 toward the Respite House (already received) with \$75,000 to be received at a later date for the general fund. This stands as a testament to Al Fisher's generosity and belief in the foundation. The Financial Report will be filed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Respite House – Paul Sonier stated that his assistant is tracking pledges and will forward a spread sheet to Shirle Reynolds so that all pledges and contributions can be tracked to ensure all thank you letters are sent. The pledge/contribution spread sheet will then be sent to Gerry Schneider to track levels of giving. Gerry will provide a list of members' giving status, so that Paul can contact them regarding the use of available matching funds to reach their Karl Weiss fellowships. Phil will be drafting a year-end letter to Visalia Rotarians concerning the Respite House so Shirle can send it to all Rotarians. All club presidents are encouraged to remind their club members of the opportunity to support the Respite House Project.

Discussion reiterated the official name: Rotary Respite House – "Al's Place" and the official address is 641 S. Watson, Visalia CA. Because of the position of the lot there are two addresses; 641 S. Watson and 500 W. Myrtle. One of the units will be identified with a placard as "Al's Place" named in memory of Al Fisher. The other is to be known as "Sharon's Place" named in memory of Sharon Shannon.

Don Hutton has been working with BJ Perch to keep the project moving forward, and to control costs wherever possible. There are subcontractors who have reduced or donated their services and Don is keeping track of them. Don Hutton and his wife are ensuring both kitchens will be outfitted with plates, pots, pans, silverware, etc. The Visalia Rotary Community Foundation will provide washers, dryers, refrigerators, ovens and microwaves. The hospital will be furnishing all linens and towels.

Donn Ritter reported that a Donor Party is being planned and venues are being considered for the event.

B. Scholarship Committee - Susan Lucas reported that the latest round of scholarships has been awarded. Applications and deadlines for scholarships has been submitted to the schools for the next vocational and college scholarships.

C. Website – In order to keep the website current, please forward updates to Gerry to upload.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Director of Scholarship Administration: Steve Perry agreed to serve and fill the position vacated by Dale Bruder. The board elected him by a unanimous vote.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 27, 2015, 7 a.m., Buckman-Mitchell, Inc. Community Room, 500 North Santa Fe Avenue, Visalia, CA.

ADJOURNMENT: MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35 AM

Shirle Reynolds
Administrative Assistant
12-02-15