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
March 30, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:01 am by President, Don Ritter.

PRESENT (* indicates voting positions): Don Ritter (President*), Eric Shannon (Executive Chairman*; Long-Range Fund Raising*), Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Phil Hornburg (Vice President), Gerry Schneider (Immediate Past President*), Steve Chrisman (Director of Grants*), Steve Perry (Director of Scholarship Administration*), Susan Lucas (Director of Scholarship Selection*), Ryan Purkiss (Director of Finance*), Dru Quesnoy (Director of Marketing*), Don Hutton, Gary Paden, Rocky Pipkin, Susan Winey (VRC*), Lora Owen (VCC*). Larry Benevento (Treasurer; Director of Planned Giving*), Cindy Meyer (VBR*), Wendy Anderson (VSR*) Paul Sonier,

ABSENT: Peter Golombek (Major Projects Coordinator), Gene Yunt, Anabelle Chavez (LRC*), Duane Scott (Executive Secretary/Treasurer*) Francie Langley (Secretary), Marty Zeeb (President Elect).

MINUTES: The minutes of the February 24, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Ryan Purkiss reported the total balance in all the accounts was $4,507,121.57 at March 24, 2016 compared to $4,424,800.37 at February 19, 2016. Since the last meeting $84,308.70 was disbursed for Respite House expenses and $1,750 for scholarships. $29,740 has been received toward the Respite House this period. 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; tell your family, friends, and* **Club Representatives** *please remind your clubs.*

OLD BUSINESS:
    A.) Respite House – Don Hutton reported that the rough plumbing has been installed in the building and they are installing the windows on Monday. Everything is going well and there are no issues. Don Stated that the city will be cutting down the oak tree on the north side at their expense. It was also stated that once the windows were in, the progress will start to proceed quickly. Presentations to the clubs with a possible PowerPoint has been suggested, it was felt that pictures of the Respite House's progress will make a difference in helping with continued fund raising for this project. It has been decided that the recognition wall will be granite. With the granite there will be the ability to add names to the levels of recognition after the fact and we will be receiving a 15% discount. The Cleaning of the wall will much easier, should the need arise. A projected date for completion of Respite House is June or July.

B.) Scholarship Committee – Susan Lucas reported that Scholarship are going forward. .Steve Perry said administration work is current at this time.

C.) Grant Committee – Steve Chrisman reported that the process remains open until April 19, 25, 2016. Those interested can obtain the application on the website. Grants are for "bricks and mortar" and that their goal is to award to different projects every year.

D.) Website – Gerry Schneider states the website is updated on a regular basis. Please provide any pictures that is felt may be beneficial and any Rotary event pictures you would like to see posted.

E.) Eric Shannon reported that the St. Patrick's Day Event was successful and made approximately $8,000 to $9,000 dollars with 114 people in attendance. All awards were presented to the Karl Weiss fellows who were in attendance. Thank you Eric and Kathy for opening your home and thank you to the committee for all your hard work, you did a fantastic job.

NEW BUSINESS – Phil met with the city and they indicated that the lot to the west of Respite House could possibly become available for sale.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:33 a.m.

Shirle Reynolds
Administrative Assistant