

**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  
July 27, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:03 am by Gerry Schneider, Ex-Past President (Past President Once Removed?).

**PRESENT** ( \* indicates voting positions): Eric Shannon (Executive Chairman\*; Long-Range Fund Raising\*), Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Phil Hornburg (Vice President), Francie Langley (Secretary; Director of Invisibility), Gerry Schneider (Past President '14-'15), Steve Chrisman (Director of Grants\*), Peter Golombek (Major Projects Coordinator), Susan Lucas (Director of Scholarship Selection\*), Ryan Purkiss (Director of Finance\*), Gary Paden, Steve Perry (Director of Scholarship Administration\*), Dru Quesnoy (Director of Marketing\*), Paul Sonier, Gene Yunt, Barbara Hood (VSR\*), Suzanna "SAM" Aguilera-Marrero (VLR\*), and Lina Contreras (Pres. Visalia Latino Rotary Club (VLR) **ABSENT**: Marty Zeeb (President\*), Duane Scott (Executive Secretary/Treasurer\*), Larry Benevento (Treasurer; Director of Planned Giving\*), Don Ritter (Immediate Past President '15-'16\*), ???? (President Elect), Don Hutton, Scott James (VBR\*), Jon Pree (VRC\*), and Deborah Volosin (VCC\*).

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the June 22, 2016 meeting were accepted as presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Ryan Purkiss reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$4,446,131.37 at July 25, 2016 compared to \$4,537,663.15 at June 20, 2016. Since the last meeting, \$2,000 was disbursed for scholarships and \$80,000 for grants. Total collected for the Respite House to date is \$294,502.69; \$253,121.29 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](http://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 – Eric Shannon reported three open house events have been scheduled. Of the three events, the first event, the private tour for the Sharon Shannon Family and the Al Fischer Family, has occurred. The project is in the final stages and it's impressive! Future events: September 8<sup>th</sup> is open house for donors of \$1,000 or more; September 22 is the open house for all Rotarians, City of Visalia officials, and representatives of the hospital. Both events will start in the 5:00 pm-ish range. ☺ The cabinets are in and there are lots of them! The flooring and carpets are in; the color coat was started; the concrete should go in soon after some approvals. Phil Hornburg suggested that Don Hutton and Gerry Schneider should visit the clubs and inform the clubs of how amazing this project is and how proud Rotarians should be. Gene Yunt suggested the value of the lease/use of the Respite House be reported annually with the value of the grants. Francie Langley will relay this idea to Duane Scott and ask him how he plans to report this information.

- B.) Scholarship Committee – Susan Lucas reported August 1 is deadline for vocational scholarships. She has brought it to the attention of COS to try to get COS students to apply. The Harrell Scholarship needs to be promoted more as it's under awarded. Steve Perry reported students are turning in their schedules and Steve will give Duane Scott the information to cut checks. Steve Perry talks to each scholarship recipient and reported how worthy the recipients are. Thank you, Susan, Steve, and your committee, for a wonderful job!
- C.) 2016 Grants - Steve Chrisman reported grant checks are being awarded at the various clubs. Steve distributed a list of the grant award history. Since 1997 \$1,173,600 has been awarded, not including scholarships. This year the Grant Committee reviewed thirteen applications, awarded ten, and fully funded six out of the ten. Grants are distributed to organizations within the boundaries of the Visalia Unified School District, which is a little larger area than just the City of Visalia.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A.) 2016-2017 Committee Approval - Bill Mathis and Lloyd Hicks have been suggested as candidates for VRCF President Elect. Gerry Schneider distributed the list of officers, directors, and committee chairs. Phil Hornburg MOVED and Steve Chrisman seconded to approve the list as presented. APPROVED.
- B.) "Thank you" to Gerry Schneider for his extensive work on the list of Respite House donors! (The best list ever!)
- C.) Peter Golombek suggested that we update and track the planned giving bequests known by the VRCF. Eric Shannon said the Foundation intends to send a letter outlining the various accomplishments of the Foundation and the various giving opportunities including planned giving. This letter will indicate the levels of recognition for donations and bequests.
- D.) The Latino Club is officially now the "Visalia Latino Rotary Club".

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 24, 2016, 7 a.m., Buckman-Mitchell, Inc. Community Room, 500 North Santa Fe Avenue, Visalia, CA.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:33 a.m.  
Francie Langley  
Secretary