

**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
September 28, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:05 am by Marty Zeeb, President.

PRESENT (* indicates voting positions): Marty Zeeb (President*), Duane Scott (Executive Secretary/Treasurer*), Lloyd Hicks (President Elect), Francie Langley (Secretary; Director of Invisibility), Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Steve Chrisman (Director of Grants*), Dru Quesnoy (Director of Marketing*), Ryan Purkiss (Director of Finance*), Gerry Schneider (Director of Nothing), Don Hutton, Paul Sonier, Gene Yunt, Scott James (VBR*), Suzanna "SAM" Aguilera-Marrero (VLR*), Lina Contreras (Pres. Visalia Latino Rotary Club (VLR)), and Tara Howard (guest). **ABSENT**: Eric Shannon (Executive Chairman*; Long-Range Fund Raising*), Larry Benevento (Treasurer; Director of Planned Giving*), Phil Hornburg (Vice President), Don Ritter (Immediate Past President '15-'16*), Peter Golombek (Major Projects Coordinator), Susan Lucas (Director of Scholarship Selection*), Jon Pree (VRC*), Deborah Volosin (VCC*), Barbara Hood (VSR*), Steve Perry (Director of Scholarship Administration*), and Gary Paden.

MINUTES: The minutes of the August 24, 2016 meeting were accepted as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Duane Scott reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$4,549,507.31 at September 22, 2016 compared to \$4,555,276.70 at August 18, 2016. Since the last meeting, \$13,500 was disbursed for scholarships and \$196,678.16 was disbursed for the Respite House. Total collected for the Respite House to date is \$300,802.69; \$449,436.95 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 for eligible merchandise and .5% of the purchase will be donated to our Foundation; **Club Representatives** please remind your clubs.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) Grant Committee – Steve Chrisman explained that from March through May the granting process begins after determining available funds in February. 3% to 5%, (have been using 4%) of the total asset value of the Foundation at December 31st is determined to be available for grants. Grants are for the year July 1st to June 30th. N.B.: The very first grant was \$7,500 for playground equipment at the Good News Center (now the Bethlehem Center).
- B.) Respite House – Don Hutton reported there were about 80 people at the 7 September open house event for major donors, and more at the ribbon cutting event on 22 September. Lindsay Mann of Kaweah Delta District Hospital spoke at the ribbon cutting and spent a lot of time commending the Rotary Foundation. Don heard all positive comments. Carol Allen (the wife of George Allen of VRC) bought books, toys, games, coloring books, etc. for the Respite House. Chanel 30 interviewed Don and took

pictures of the Respite House for an hour. Thank you Dru Quesnoy for the success of the events and Donn Ritter and Gerry Schneider for cleanup.

The City Inspector wants railings going up the stairs, and hopefully these will be installed tomorrow and the inspection will be finalized and the certificate of occupancy will be received. Don will deliver it to the Kaweah Delta Hospital. The Hospital should give a report each year to the VRCF about the number of people using the facility for how many nights. Social Services at Kaweah Delta Hospital determines who stays there, how long and gives the keys. This isn't like Ronald McDonald House which has an employee on site.

Duane Scott MOVED and Steve Chrisman seconded to officially commend and thank Don Hutton and his wife for their work on the Respite House. APPROVED. "Thank you, Don and Cathy!!!"

Dru Quesnoy scheduled issuing a year-end letter to continue fundraising for the Respite House and a newsletter covering the past year of the Foundation's efforts and accomplishments.

NEW BUSINESS

A.) Scholarship Committee – Susan Lucas was absent but submitted a written report. Vocational Scholarships were awarded to thirteen COS students out of 30 applicants. There were not enough qualified applicants to award the fifteen scholarships budgeted. The next Vocational Scholarship deadline is October 15 and the funds from the two un-awarded COS scholarships will be used for the rest of the year's program.

B.) Acceptance by Lloyd Hicks for 2017-2018 Office of VRCF President; Duane Scott MOVED and Steve Chrisman seconded, to accept Lloyd Hicks as VRCF President for the 2017-2018 year. APPROVED. Congratulations and thank you, Lloyd! (... and may God have mercy on your soul!) ☺

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 26, 2016, 7 a.m., Buckman-Mitchell, Inc. Community Room, 500 North Santa Fe Avenue, Visalia, CA.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:38 a.m.
Francie Langley
Secretary