

**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 12, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Bruce Nicotero, President.

PRESENT (*indicates voting positions): Bruce Nicotero (President*), Eric Shannon (Executive Chairman*; Director of Long-Range Fund Raising*), Duane Scott (Executive Secretary/Treasurer*), Phil Hornburg (Vice President), Anees Akhund (Treasurer; Director of Planned Giving*), Francie Langley (Secretary*), Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Lloyd Hicks (Immediate Past President 2017-2018*), Steve Chrisman (Director of Grants*), Susan Lucas (Director of Scholarship Selection*), Dru Quesnoy (Director of Marketing*), Donn Ritter (Director of Scholarship Administration* and Chocolate Supplier Extraordinaire), Gerry Schneider (Giving Administration/Tracking*), Marty Zeeb (Major Projects Coordinator*), Paul Hurley (VRC*), Tom Hornburg (VCC*), Todd Martin (VBR*), and Sarahelena Martinez (VLR*). **ABSENT:** Ryan Purkiss (Director of Finance* and President Elect), Patrick Lozano (VSR*), Lina Contreras (VLR), Gene Yunt, and Paul Sonier.

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 24, 2018 meeting stand as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Duane Scott reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$5,137,265.52 at December 6, 2018 compared to the balance of \$5,218,863.62 at October 18, 2018. \$12,050 was disbursed during the month for various grants and scholarships. Duane reported Form 990, Form 199, and Form RF-1 were filed. The financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2018 were presented as was an historical report of fund balances and grants made. The financial report shall 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.) Scholarship Committee – Susan Lucas reported the next scholarship application deadlines are January 1 and April 15. The committee is a little short on scholarship funds because the fund for vocational scholarships was used to help fund the COS President’s Scholars Grant. Susan requested future grants to the COS President’s Scholars Fund be limited to the 50% of the proceeds from the Brewfest fundraiser, even if it amounts to less than \$15,000.
- B.) Scholarship Administration – Donn Ritter is doing a great job! (A special ‘Thank You!’ to Donn Ritter for the Sees dark chocolate bordeaux truffles gifted to the Secretary! “Merry Choc-mas!”)
- C.) Grant Committee – Nothing to report. Steve Chrisman is looking forward to learning the amount of available grant funds to award.

D.) Other Business – We extend our deepest sympathy to Patrick Lozano on the passing of his father.

NEW BUSINESS

- A.) Visalia Rotary Centennial Celebration in 2021 and VRFCF involvement – Phil Hornburg put forth his thoughts regarding the participation of the Foundation in this celebration of Rotary. A project everyone will support is desired. Ideas include improving access to Rotary Park, replacing downtown trees and/or helping to cut the roots to protect the sidewalks from buckling, lighting the streets past Redwood, a park by Imagine U, and addressing the homeless issue with a template from San Luis Obispo. All input is welcome.
- B.) Donation of Visalia home to a 501(c)(3) organization – The property at 617 North Encina Street is a beautiful 4,000 plus square foot house valued by Zillow at \$750,000 owned by a family corporation. The family wants to donate the property to a 501(c)(3) organization, on the condition it is held by the organization as required for the family to benefit from the charitable donation. The property has been a Bed and Breakfast and a venue for weddings and other celebrations. The house, built in 1870, is near the Oval. Phil Hornburg will chair a committee to investigate the possibilities for the VRFCF.
- C.) End of the Year Letters – Out of 435 letters mailed on December 3, eleven have been returned as undeliverable. A discussion was briefly held to discuss a viable approach to the challenge of keeping addresses current.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 7:00 am; meeting to be held at the Buckman-Mitchell, Inc. Community Room, 500 North Santa Fe Avenue, Visalia, CA. “Thank you!” for all you do!

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:32 a.m. See you next year!

Francie Langley
Secretary

Foundation President Rotation History:

VBR – Lloyd Hicks	2017-2018
VRC - Bruce Nicotero	2018-2019
VSR – Ryan Purkiss	2019-2020
VCC	2020-2021
VLR	2021-2022
VBR	2022-2023