

**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  
February 25, 2020

CORRECTED 05-26-20

Due to Covid 19 stay at home order there were no meetings/minutes for March and April 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:04 a.m. by Ryan Purkiss, President.

**PRESENT** (\*indicates voting positions): Eric Shannon (Executive Director/Chairman\* and Director of Long-Range Fund Raising\*), Ryan Purkiss (Director of Finance\* and President\*), Duane Scott (Executive Secretary/ Treasurer\*), Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Susan Lucas (Director of Scholarship Selection\*), Steve Chrisman (Director of Grants\*), Gerry Schneider (Giving Administration/Tracking\*), Phil Hornburg (Vice President\*), Marty Zeeb (Major Projects Coordinator\*), Deboah Volosin (President Elect\*), Doug Arnold (CRC\*; Web Designer), David Zarate (VLR\*), **ABSENT** Francie Langley (Secretary\*), Steven McCartha (VCC\*), Mark Brackett (VBR\*), Cheri Barnes (VSR\*), Gene Yunt (Financial Advisor) Dru Quesnoy (Director of Marketing\*), Bruce Nicotero (Immediate Past President 2017-2018\*), Donn Ritter (Director of Scholarship Administration\*), Anees Akhund (Treasurer; Director of Planned Giving\*).

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the February 25, 2020 meeting stand as presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Duane Scott reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$7,161,648.19 at February 18, 2020 compared to the balance of \$7,099,128.17) at January 22, 2020. Distributed was (\$3,000 Harrell Scholarship) (\$2,500 Dwelle Scholarship) (\$4,000 Visalia Rotary Scholarship) (\$1,000 Salierno Scholarship) (\$1,000 Watson Scholarship) (\$0 Nash Scholarship)(\$0 COS Presidents Fund) with a SCE Payment for Respite House billing with regards to construction Presented by Duane Scott. The recommended list of Distribution presented was approved by Steve Chrisman and seconded by Eric Shannon. 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 read aloud two separate Thank you letters regarding the automotive program from; Raymond Tomio and Angel Martinez. Both Vocational Scholarships. Emails are starting to come in from high school students due to the deadline being March 1, 2020.
- B.) Scholarship Administration – None to report
- C.) Grant Committee – Club representatives please remind all the clubs, this is the grant season and let them know that the applications are due between May 5 and May 10. The grant

committee has a \$140,000 that has been approved for grants and of that \$140,000, \$50,000 has been requested by the centennial committee to help refurbish part of the Rotary Theater at the Redwood High School this year with a like amount for next year, the motion was made to commit \$100,000, with \$50,000 this year and \$50,000 next year to this project by Steve Chrisman and seconded by Susan Lucas. This will leave the grant committee with \$90,000 this year for grants.

- D.) Respite house – None
- E.) Brew fest meeting – Ryan stated the next meeting will be next Tuesday. Working on additional sponsors.
- F.) Two Estates –Phil Hornburg - We have two estates that are open. These types of donations are where we receive a significant amount of money. People hear about VRCF and feel this is good for Visalia.

The Barnes Estate – Phil Hornburg – The Barnes Estate is being distributed to five charities, with one being UC Davis. UC Davis has not responded to date and that is the delay for the distribution of funds. We will be receiving approximately \$85,000 with part of it being in the stock market. The funds will be distributed half to scholarships and half to the general fund. This should be coming soon.

The Gorini Estate – Phil Hornburg – The Gorini Estate left most of its money in a trust but some of it will be going through a probate, with the probate hearing being the first part of March. At that point the monies will go from the probate to the estate and then be distributed. The trustee has indicated that this money will be another approximately \$100,000. He has indicated that the money will be in the middle of the month.

- G.) We have received this month's rent from the Promissory Note Payment on the house that is now owned by VRCF from the Gorini Estate.
- H.) It has been stated that a committee from VRCF will be visiting the clubs to inform them of the purpose of the Visalia Rotary Community Foundation and what we do to serve the community.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- I.) Porterville Breakfast Rotary Club has reached out for donations, they will be feeding all the first responders that will be attending the funeral for the two firefighters that passed away when responding to a fire at the Porterville Library, and are reaching out for assistance for funds to feed approximately 1500 and could be up to 3,000 first responders. They fly in from all over the country to attend these services. They have a goal of \$12,000 but could possibly need up to \$20,000. The motion was made by Phil Hornburg and seconded by Susan Lucas that \$5,000 should be donated from the emergency fund. The emergency fund has between \$65,000 and \$70,000 but \$25,000 of it is committed to The Munson School.

**NEXT MEETING:** *Reminder: Regular meetings are now on Tuesdays.* Next meeting will be Tuesday March 24, 2020 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 7:27 a.m.



Shirle Reynolds  
Administrative Assistant

Foundation President Rotation Schedule:

VCC –Deborah Volosin	2020-2021
VLR –	2021-2022
VBR – Anees Akhund	2022-2023
VRC –	2023-2024
VSR	

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