

APPROVED

**VISALIA ROTARY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Zoom Meeting
May 26, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:02 a.m. by Ryan Purkiss, President.

PRESENT (*indicates voting positions followed by two-year term expiration year): Ryan Purkiss, (President*; Director of Finance*, 2021), Duane Scott (Executive Secretary/Treasurer*), Phil Hornburg (Vice President), Anees Akhund (Treasurer), Francie Langley (Secretary*), Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Steve Chrisman (Director of Grants*, 2021), Susan Lucas (Director of Scholarship Selection*, 2020), Dru Quesnoy (Director of Marketing*, 2020), Donn Ritter (Director of Scholarship Administration*,2020), Doug Arnold (VRC*; Web Designer), and Gene Yunt (Financial Advisor). **ABSENT**: Eric Shannon (Executive Chairman*; Director of Long-Range Fund Raising/Planned Giving*, 2021), Bruce Nicotero (Immediate Past President 2018-2019*, 2020), Deborah Volosin (President Elect), Gerry Schneider (Giving Administration & Tracking*, 2021), Marty Zeeb (Major Projects Coordinator), Steven McCartha (VCC*), Mark Brackett (VBR*), Cheri Barnes (VSR*), Sarahelena Martinez (VLR*), David Zarate (LRC), Juan Hernandez (VLR), and Lina Contreras (VLR).

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: Duane Scott reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$6,444,510.58 at April 30, 2020 compared to the balance of \$7,161,648.19 at February 18, 2020. Most of the decrease is due to the market, but there was substantial disbursements, too. \$89,547.26 was received from the Barnes CRUT and \$57,579.42 from the Gorini Estate. Disbursements from the Emergency Fund in response to the COVID 19 epidemic were \$5,000 to Porterville Rotary Club; \$25,000 to Visalia Rescue Mission; \$2,500 to Family Services; and \$1,142 to Visalia Unified School District (for pencils for students social distancing at home.) \$2,500 to CASA of Tulare County and \$2,500 to Happy Trails Riding Academy were pass through donations from Visalia Sunset Rotary. Disbursements from the General Fund for grants was \$120,000 (see report of Grant Committee below.) The financial report shall be filed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) Scholarship Committee – Susan Lucas reported all the academic scholarships have been distributed using virtual presentations. Jeff Moyer has received the paperwork to update his files. The scholarships were \$1,000 Vocational, COS; \$20,000 Dwelle, Redwood; \$4,000 Nash, Redwood; \$2,000 Watson, Golden West; \$2,000 Watson, Mt. Whitney; Provident Salierno Music: \$1,000 Mt. Whitney, \$1,000 Golden West, \$1,000 El Diamante, \$1,000 Redwood, and since there wasn't a qualifying applicant from Tulare Union High School, Redwood received that \$1,000 music scholarship, too, which was approved by Tony Salierno. Representatives of each fund received the information on the students awarded their respective scholarships

- B.) Grant Committee – Steve Chrisman reported that of \$140,000 approved to grant, \$120,000 has been awarded early to assist the non-profits during the COVID 19 epidemic. \$50,000 that was originally approved toward the Visalia Rotary Centennial Celebration was granted to charities instead. It was **MOVED** by Donn Ritter and seconded by Susan Lucas to approved the allocation change of \$50,000 to go to non-profits instead of the Centennial Celebration. Motion **APPROVED**. Grants awarded were: \$25,000 to the Bethlehem Center; \$25,000 to FoodLink of Tulare County; \$25,000 to Kaweah Delta Hospital Foundation for the Street Medicine program headed by Dr. Guzman; \$25,000 to Visalia Emergency Aid; \$10,000 to Family Services, and \$10,000 to Visalia Senior Gleaners. The committee still has \$20,000 to grant and plans to wait until June to award those funds. Dru Quesnoy reported the \$25,000 grant received by Kaweah Delta Hospital Foundation for the Street Medicine Program was used to supply equipment for the van donated by Gropetti Automotive Family, enabling the treatment of patients at non-hospital sites (i.e. the streets 😊) Gene Yunt pointed out that \$140,000 is roughly three times what the Visalia Rotary Club budget was not so long ago; this is good promotional material to offer prospective donors.
- C.) Brewfest 2020 – Brewfest 2020 was canceled.
- D.) Gorini Trust – Phil Hornburg reported the Gorini Estate administration is completed.
- E.) Other Old Business – Dru Quesnoy reported that some of the nurses exposed to COVID 19 while working at Kaweah Delta needed a place to stay while in quarantine to keep their families safe. They were able to stay at the Respite House; it was good to have this accommodation available to them. Gene Yunt suggested giving this information to the newspaper; Dru will follow up with the Visalia Times Delta.

NEW BUSINESS

- A.) Visalia Rotary Club Matching Campaign – Phil Hornburg reported the Rotary Club of Visalia held a \$5,000 matching campaign with its members which resulted in a total contribution of \$10,000 to the Foundation. It has been suggested that this either be used towards the club Foundation dues or be contributed to the club's scholarship fund. This subject will be given additional consideration before a decision is made.
- B.) Latino Club – Phil Hornburg requested information on the status of the dues payable to the Foundation from the Latino Club. President Ryan said he would forward this inquiry to Susan Winey.

NEXT MEETING: *Reminder: Meetings are now on Tuesdays.* Next meeting will be announced. "Thank you!" for all you do!

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:40 a.m.

Francie Langley
Secretary

P.S. Many thanks to all good wishes during my leave, and thanks whomever you are, for the anonymous "Get Well" flower arrangement(!)

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.

Foundation President Rotation Schedule:

VCC – Deborah Volosin	2020-2021
VLR –	2021-2022
VBR – Anees Akhund	2022-2023
VRC –	2023-2024
VSR –	2024-2025

Past Presidents:

Dale Bruder	2013-2014
Gerry Schneider	2014-2015
Donn Ritter	2015-2016
Marty Zeeb	2016-2017
Lloyd Hicks	2017-2018
Bruce Nicotero	2018-2019