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**VISALIA ROTARY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
Zoom Meeting
September 22, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Deborah Volosin, President.

PRESENT (*indicates voting positions followed by applicable two or three-year term expiration year): Deborah Volosin (President*, 2021), Duane Scott (Executive Secretary*), Phil Hornburg (Vice President), Gary Simmons (Treasurer), Francie Langley (Secretary*), Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Steve Chrisman (Director of Grants*, 2021), Susan Lucas (Director of Scholarship Selection*, 2022), Ryan Purkiss, (Immediate Past President*; Director of Finance and Fellowships*, 2021), Dru Quesnoy (Director of Marketing*, 2022), Donn Ritter (Co-Director of Grants*, 2023), Gerry Schneider (Director of Giving Administration and Tracking*, 2021), Marty Zeeb (Major Projects Coordinator), Liz Wynn, (VRC*, 2021) and Gene Yunt (Financial Advisor). **ABSENT:** Eric Shannon (Executive Director*; Director of Long-Range Fund Raising/Planned Giving*, 2021), Anees Akhund (President Elect, 2021), Merritt Wiseman (VCC*, 2021), Iris East (VBR*, 2021), and Aron Gularte (VSR*, 2021).

MINUTES: The minutes of the August 25, 2020 meeting stand as presented. The list of past presidents of the Foundation may need changes, but since it is only informational, the minutes stand and Duane Scott will revisit the dates served by past presidents.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Duane Scott reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$6,965,614.44 on September 14, 2020 compared to the balance of \$6,958,521.99 on August 17, 2020. Although these balances reflect a slight increase, the market has dropped since September 14, 2020. Disbursements from the Visalia Rotary Scholarship and the Watson Scholarship totaled \$5,000 during the month. The financial report shall be filed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) Scholarship Committee – Susan Lucas reported the Committee has requested COS screen 30 to 40 applicants for the 15 available COS vocational scholarships. Duane Scott noticed, while reviewing the Foundation past fiscal year accounting activity, it appears the Foundation owes COS \$12,000 for scholarships. Susan will follow up with COS. (Memo: Susan followed up with COS and they received the \$12,000 in December 2019. Thank you, Susan!) The Downtown Club would like an accounting of their scholarship fund over the past couple of years. Liz Wynn will verify exactly what information that club wants and Duane will provide it.
- B.) Grant Committee – As requested last month, Friends of the Fox applied for a \$25,000 emergency fund grant, as opposed to a bricks and mortar grant, to help cover operating and administrative costs. While the Fox is a worthy cause, it was decided earlier that this year money would go to those organizations helping individuals. It was **MOVED** by Phil Hornburg, seconded by Steve Chrisman, to grant up to \$10,000 of matching funds to the

friends of the Fox. Motion **APPROVED** with one abstention by Marty Zeeb since he is on the Friends of the Fox Board. The Friends of the Fox will communicate to the Foundation treasurer when they have the funds eligible to receive our matching funds.

- C.) Brewfest 2020 – Brewfest 2020 was canceled as a live event but the idea to make it a virtual event is being considered and the event is still on hold. The committee discussed donating the proceeds to Tulare County Hope for the Homeless (TC Hope), an organization created to build a low barrier shelter for the homeless, which is required if you do not want the homeless in the public areas. Our Foundation has earmarked \$20,000 from the 2020-2021 grant funds for this project. The Committee will wait to go forward with plans for the virtual Brewfest when more is known about the successful bid on the old Cal Trans property.
- D.) Rotary in Visalia Centennial – Gerry Schneider reported the committee has been meeting. Since the Foundation is an integral part of Rotary in Visalia and as such is part of the Centennial, the Centennial will constitute a “Major Project” for the Foundation and the Foundation will accept the receipts for the project. These receipts will qualify toward reaching donors’ Karl Weiss levels of giving. The Centennial project is three projects in one: upgrading the Rotary Theater, developing a History of Rotary in Visalia (including the history of each club and the Foundation,) and a party aka “event.” January 29, 2022 has been scheduled for the big “event.”
- E.) Meeting Location – Gerry Schneider talked to Jeff Moyer about using the conference room at Quail Park at Shannon Ranch. Jeff agreed it is a possible meeting place once the current COVID cases at the facility are resolved. Dru Quesnoy suggested using one of the meeting rooms at Bruce Nicotero’s facility. The Foundation Board is currently agreeable to continuing Zoom meetings. Phil Hornburg suggested the Executive Committee have an in-person meeting.
- F.) Status of the Latino Club – The Foundation has reached out to the Latino Club, but that club as not responded. The Latino Club remains suspended from the Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be at 7:00 am on Tuesday, October 27, 2020; location to be announced. “Thank you!” for all you do!

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:32 a.m.

Francie Langley
Secretary

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:

VBR – Anees Akhund	2021-2022
VRC –	2022-2023
VSR –	2023-2024
VCC –	2024-2025
VLR – if reinstated	

With appreciation and thanks, we honor our Past Presidents:

28- Ryan Purkiss	2019-2020
27- Bruce Nicotero	2018-2019
26- Lloyd Hicks	2017-2018
25- Marty Zeeb	2016-2017
24- Donn Ritter	2015-2016
23- Gerry Schneider	2014-2015
22- Dale Bruder	2013-2014
21- Peter Golombeck	2012-2013
20- Laurie Tiesiera	2011-2012
19- Al Fischer	2010-2011
18- Marvin Hansen	2009-2010
17- William Martin	2008-2009
16- Paul Sonier	2007-2008
15- Bob Eurich	2006-2007
14- Eric Shannon	2005-2006
13- Gorden Bergthold	2004-2005
12- Barbara Fuller	2003-2004
11- Dru Quesnoy	2002-2003
10- Dick Torrigino	2001-2002
9 - Don Estes	2000-2001
8 - H. R. Macklin	1999-2000
7 - Larry Benevento	1998-1999
6 - Gary Paden	1997-1998
5 - David Hyde	1996-1997
4 - Philip Hornburg	1995-1996
3 - Duane Scott	1994-1995
2 - Jim Cline	1993-1994
1 - Philip Hornburg	1992-1993