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

Zoom Meeting
January 26, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:02 a.m. by Deborah Volosin, President.

PRESENT (*indicates voting positions followed by applicable one or three-year term expiration year): Deborah Volosin (President*, 2021), Eric Shannon (Executive Director*; Director of Long-Range Fund Raising/Planned Giving*, 2021), Phil Hornburg (Vice President, 2021), Gary Simmons (Treasurer, 2021), Francie Langley (Secretary*), Anees Akhund (President Elect, 2021), Ryan Purkiss, (Immediate Past President*, 2021, and Director of Finance and Fellowships*, 2021); Steve Chrisman (Director of Grants*, 2021), Dru Quesnoy (Director of Marketing*, 2022), Marty Zeeb (Major Projects Coordinator, 2021), Iris East (VBR*, 2021), and Gene Yunt (Financial Advisor). **ABSENT**: Duane Scott (Executive Secretary*), Susan Lucas (Director of Scholarship Selection*, 2022), Donn Ritter (Co-Director of Grants, 2023), Gerry Schneider (Director of Giving Administration and Tracking*, 2021), Jeff Moyer (Director of Scholarship Administration*, 2023), Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Liz Wynn, (VRC*, 2021), Merritt Wiseman (VCC*, 2021), and Aron Gularte (VSR*, 2021). A Quorum is 51% of the seventeen-member voting Board which equals nine directors; this meeting had nine quorum votes in the form of seven directors.)

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 24, 2020 meeting stand as presented. (Motion to approve is not required for minutes.)

FINANCIAL REPORT: Gary Simmons reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$7,539,251.93 on January 18, 2021 compared to the balance of \$7,193,728.77 on November 16, 2020. Disbursements from scholarships were \$22,500 during the month and \$10,000 was disbursed to Friends of the Fox authorized as matching funds in minutes of September 22, 2020. Gary presented the list of funds available for grants and scholarships net of projected administration expenses. The Executive Committee will fine tune the amounts for grants and scholarships for presentation to the Board next month. Additional commitments to be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting include \$100,000 to the Centennial over a two-year period. Originally \$50,000 of 2019-2020 grant funds were designated for the Centennial and later allocated to COVID relief efforts (minutes of May 26, 2019.) Gary reminded the Board that \$20,000 of 2019-2020 grant funds were not distributed and remain available to grant. The financial report will be filed. (The financial report is just that: a report. Motion to approve is not required.)

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) Scholarship Committee – Phil Hornburg reported that Susan Lucas is gearing up for a round of scholarships. She will need more volunteers for her committee. Deborah Volosin will reach out to the Foundation member-club presidents to request volunteers.

- B.) Grant Committee – Steve Chrisman reported a grant application has been received from Arts Visalia to replace an air conditioning unit. The committee will discuss qualifications for grant awards considering the historical brick and mortar guideline or COVID relief.
- C.) Brewfest – Dru Quesnoy reported the committee is waiting to see how T C Hope develops to decide on plans for Brewfest. The Board needs to discuss trying to support the Brewfest and the Centennial Gala in the same fiscal year. The Executive Committee will discuss at its next meeting.
- D.) Rotary in Visalia Centennial – Dru Quesnoy reported that she and Susan Lucas met and reviewed the wording for the event, how it will look, and how to raise money. The Gala Committee will review and give to the Centennial Board. Letters need to be mailed with the hope to launch the event by the end of February.
- E.) Meeting Location – Eric Shannon reported that until the Pandemic has settled a bit and more vaccines have been administered the Board should wait before meeting in person for the safety of the Quail Park residents and our Board members.
- F.) Camp Nelson Cabin – One of Gene Yunt’s clients has offered to give the Foundation her cabin at Camp Nelson on the condition she can use it for the remainder of her life. Gene will ask her for permission to discuss the form of the gift with her attorney and/or accountant. Phil Hornburg will then coordinate with her attorney so her attorney can review the terms with her.
- G.) Nash Scholarship – Phil Hornburg reported that the value of the Nash Scholarship dropped below \$100,000 but has now rebounded and thus there is no need to ask the Nash family if they would like to bring up the balance.
- H.) Scholarship Fund Qualifications - Francie Langley requested that thought be given to documenting policies regarding the balance of scholarship funds and other unwritten policies in a form for easy reference for future Board members. The Executive Committee will add this to the agenda.
- I.) Other Old Business, Respite House Use – Deborah Volosin will request use information from Kaweah Delta Hospital. With restrictions on visitors in the hospital during the epidemic, the Respite House has been used for doctors and registered nurses needing to isolate away from their families. Deborah will request an update and try to establish a line of reporting for the hospital. Phil Hornburg requested that a value of the Respite House be entered either on the books, or in a footnote, so the community is aware of the philanthropic value of the Respite House. Gary Simmons will confer with Duane Scott.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) Bylaws – Phil Hornburg reported it is time to update the Bylaws and include the existence of the Executive Committee. This would include establishing the members of the committee and the keeping of minutes. The Executive Committee will cover this in its next meeting. (I think I might have just been volunteered for more writing duties!) He also suggested the number of Board members for a quorum may need to be changed. **(In looking at the old bylaws I notice that some Board members hold two directorship positions. Does this mean they have two votes? Currently Eric Shannon and Ryan Purkiss hold two directorships and eventually Susan Lucas will hold two also. Does this need to be addressed in the bylaws? How does it affect the quorum? The Grant Committee currently has a chair and a co-chair. There can be only one vote, or the number of directors exceeds the seventeen directors set forth in the current bylaws.)**

B.) Sunshine News – Eric Shannon reported that Shirle Reynolds has been cleared to work and is interested in continuing her involvement with this Board if we are interested in having her back. (Yes! Shirle, PLEASE come back!) 😊

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be at 7:00 am on Tuesday, February 23, 2021; location expected to be on Zoom. “Thank you!” for all you do!

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:36 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 – Susan Lucas	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