

**Pending Approval**

**VISALIA ROTARY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Zoom Meeting  
February 23, 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), Duane Scott (Executive Secretary\*), Phil Hornburg (Vice President, 2021), Gary Simmons (Treasurer, 2021), Francie Langley (Secretary\*), Anees Akhund (President Elect, 2021), Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Steve Chrisman (Director of Grants\*, 2021), Susan Lucas (Director of Scholarship Selection\*, 2022), Ryan Purkiss, (Immediate Past President\*, 2021, and 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), Liz Wynn, (VRC\*, 2021), Merritt Wiseman (VCC\*, 2021), and Gene Yunt (Financial Advisor). **ABSENT**: Jeff Moyer (Director of Scholarship Administration\*, 2023), Marty Zeeb (Major Projects Coordinator, 2021), Iris East (VBR\*, 2021), and Aron Gularte (VSR\*, 2021).

A quorum is 51% of the seventeen-member voting Board which equals nine directors; this meeting had **thirteen** quorum votes in the form of **eleven** directors. When revised bylaws are accepted a quorum will be 33 1/3% of the sixteen-member Board (six directorships.) A majority vote shall be sufficient to constitute action by the Board of Directors. When a director holds more than one directorship each directorship counts toward a quorum, but the director has only one vote.)

**MINUTES**: The minutes of the January 26, 2021 meeting stand as presented. (Motion to approve is not required.)

**FINANCIAL REPORT**: Duane Scott reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$7,807,040.23 on February 15, 2021 compared to the balance of \$7,539,251.93 on January 18, 2021. Disbursements from scholarships were \$14,500 during the month. The financial report will be filed. (The financial report is just that: a report; motion to approve is not required.)

Duane presented recommended distributions for the 2020-2021 year. Duane **MOVED**, second by Susan Lucas, to distribute:

\$40,000 from the Harrell Vocational Scholarship Fund,  
\$20,000 from the Dwelle College Scholarship Fund,  
\$5,000 from the Provident/Salierno Music Scholarship Fund,  
\$4,000 from the Watson STEM Scholarship Fund,  
\$14,000 from the COS President's Fund, and  
\$4,000 from the Nash Scholarship Fund.

The Visalia Rotary College Scholarship Fund distribution will be determined by the Rotary Club of Visalia.

Motion **APPROVED**.

Duane Scott **MOVED**, second by Eric Shannon, to Approve \$165,000 of the Unrestricted Endowment Fund be distributed for grants with \$50,000 to go to T.C. Hope for the low barrier homeless shelter, leaving the remaining \$115,000 to be awarded to other grant applicants. Motion **APPROVED**.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A.) Scholarship Committee – Susan Lucas Presented the Scholarship Committee Policies and Procedures Manual. She will need more volunteers for her committee and suggested it would be good to have one from Visalia Breakfast Rotary Club and one from the Visalia Sunset Rotary Club. Dru Quesnoy volunteered from the Visalia Breakfast Rotary Club and Donn Ritter volunteered to find someone from the Visalia Sunset Rotary Club. (Thank you both!)
- B.) Grant Committee – Steve Chrisman presented the Grant Committee Policy and reported a grant application has been received from Arts Visalia to replace an air conditioning unit. The committee will meet in April or May to choose grant recipients to recommend to the VRCF Board for approval.
- C.) Brewfest – No report.
- D.) Rotary in Visalia Centennial – Gerry Schneider led the discussion on funding of the VRCF pledge of \$100,000. It was expressed when received, that the Gorini Trust contribution would be applied to benefit the youth of Tulare County. It is the opinion of the Board that the refurbishing of the Rotary Theater qualifies as an appropriate use of Gorini Trust contributed funds. This would preserve a larger amount to be available to distribute from the Unrestricted Endowment Fund. Gerry Schneider **MOVED** with a second by Eric Shannon, that \$100,000 from the Gorini Trust donation be applied to the Centennial Celebration's refurbishing of the Rotary Theater. Duane Scott pointed out that this would reduce future annual distributions by approximately \$4,000. Motion **APPROVED**.
- E.) Camp Nelson Cabin – Gene Yunt reported we are waiting for an appointment to meet with the donor's attorney.
- F.) Website Update – Eric Shannon reported he is meeting later today with a web designer and will obtain estimated cost of updating the website and making it user friendly to add content.
- G.) T.C. Hope – Phil Hornburg delivered the Executive Committee's recommendation to award a grant to T.C. Hope to build the low barrier homeless shelter. Phil Hornburg **MOVED**, second by Donn Ritter, for the VRCF to grant \$50,000 a year for four years, beginning this year, plus the \$20,000 granted last year to T.C. Hope for building a low barrier homeless shelter; total of \$220,000. Motion **APPROVED**. T.C. Hope requested a VRCF board member join their steering committee. President Deborah Volosin appointed Merritt Wiseman (VCC) and Merritt graciously accepted the position. (Thank you!)
- H.) Bylaws – Phil Hornburg presented a draft of the proposed revised bylaws. The revision provides for an Executive Committee, an Emergency Fund, annual distributions of 3% to 5% of the VRCF available assets, billing the clubs for dues based on individual clubs' active members as of June 30<sup>th</sup> each year, and Directors holding more than one directorship

count all directorships for a quorum but only one vote per person when making decisions. Phil Hornburg **MOVED**, seconded by Steve Chrisman, it be recommended to the Executive Board to approve the revised bylaws and subsequently send them to the VRCF member clubs for their approval. Motion **APPROVED**.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No New Business

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:49 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