

Pending Approval

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

Quail Park at Shannon Ranch Conference Room  
3440 West Flagstaff Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291  
May 24, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:02 a.m. by Dru Quesnoy.

**PRESENT** (\*indicates voting positions followed by applicable one or three-year term expiration year): Eric Shannon (Executive Director\*; Director of Long-Range Fund Raising/Planned Giving\*, 2024), Phil Hornburg (Vice President, 2022), Gary Simmons (Treasurer, 2022), Francie Langley (Secretary\*, 2022), Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Steve Chrisman (Director of Grants\*, 2024), Susan Lucas (President Elect, 2022 and Director of Scholarship Selection\*, 2023), Dru Quesnoy (Director of Marketing\*, 2023), Donn Ritter (Co-Director of Grants, 2022), Gerry Schneider (Director of Giving Administration and Tracking\*, 2024), Scott Jacobsen, (VRC\*, 2022), and Jeff Boswell. **ABSENT**: Anees Akhund (President\*, 2022), Duane Scott (Executive Secretary\*), Deborah Volosin (Immediate Past President\*, 2022), Ryan Purkiss, (Director of Finance and Fellowships\*, 2024), Jeff Moyer (Director of Scholarship Administration\*, 2023), Marty Zeeb (Major Projects Coordinator, 2022), Samantha Rummage-Mathias (VCC\*, 2022), Mike Ashoori (VBR\*, 2022), and Laura Dimmer (VSR\*, 2022).

A quorum is 33 1/3% of the sixteen-member voting Board which equals six directors; this meeting had **seven** quorum votes in the form of **eight** directors. 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 April 26, 2022, meeting stand as presented. (Motion to approve is not required.)

**FINANCIAL REPORT**: Gary Simmons reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$7,140,178.48 May 19, 2022, compared to the balance of \$7,647,111.14 on April 20, 2022. \$550,016.04 has been received for Centennial sponsorships as of the date of the report not including the \$100,000 from the VRCF. A total of \$273,055.57 has been disbursed towards refurbishing the Rotary Theater and \$80,932.41 has been spent on the Centennial Event. Expenses for the Rotary Theater landscaping and marquee are yet to be paid. There are some donor plaques waiting to be displayed. Once paid, there is expected to be remaining funds available to donate to another cause. It was mentioned that donors gave donation with the understanding the funds would be used for the Rotary Theater. Since the Foundation pledged \$100,000, the Board could vote to donate this to another cause. There are plenty of things the extra donor money may pay for at the Rotary Theater (e.g. dressing rooms.) The financial report will be filed. (The financial report is a report; motion to approve is not required.)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A.) Scholarship Committee – Susan Lucas reported all the scholarships have been awarded.

- B.) Grant Committee – Donn Ritter reported the Grant Committee met and of thirteen applications, the committee has selected all but four. One of the applications prompted questions about the use of the applicable funds. Donn Ritter will reach out for additional information from the non-profit.
- C.) Quad Consultants Scholarship – It was suggested that the Rotary Club of Visalia could include this scholarship with their VRCF balance rather than create a separate scholarship fund. Eric Shannon will discuss this with the Downtown Club.
- D.) Website – Discussion was held regarding which board members should have access to the website. Scholarship and grant applications posted on the website need to be printable. Need to decide whose emails will receive forwarded applications. Once corrections are finished to the website, the scholarships and grants need to be tested to verify the process correctly. Grant applications would be forwarded to Donn Ritter and scholarship applications would be forwarded to Susan Lucas.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.) Succession Vote in June – Various offices will be filled by voting at the June meeting. Terms expiring in June 2022 or retiring are:
- Vice President (Gerry Schneider has volunteered to fill this position)
  - Treasurer (Gary Simmons)
  - Secretary (Francie Langley)
  - Major Projects Coordinator (currently held by Marty Zeeb)
  - President Elect for the Year 2023 – 2024 (Cheri Barnes of Visalia Sunset Rotary Club)  
Note: Cheri Barnes as President Elect was supposed to be voted on during our January meeting, but that hasn't happened, so this appointment is still on the slate.
  - President Elect for the Year 2024 – 2025 (Tom Hornburg of County Center Rotary Club)
  - The representatives of each member club
  - Executive Secretary (currently held by Duane Scott; Ryan Purkiss has volunteered to fill this position. This position has no ending term date.)
  - Director of Grants (currently held by Steve Chrisman; Donn Ritter has volunteered to fill this position.) This position has a term ending date of 2024 at which time it renews to 2027.
  - Director of Giving and Administration (currently held by Gerry Schneider; so far, no nominee has volunteered for this position.) This position has a term ending date of 2024 at which time it renews to 2027.
- B.) Bylaws –Phil Hornburg, Donn Ritter, and Dru Quesnoy were appointed to the Bylaws Committee. The Committee will discuss amending the bylaws to provide Emeritus Members. These members have served and can provide valuable experience and guidance in the future although they may not otherwise qualify as members of the Visalia Rotary Community Foundation Board of Directors. Phil Hornburg and Duane Scott have been proposed as the first Emeritus Members.
- C.) Website – Someone needs to take over tracking the website. It was suggested that the Foundation has reached a size that may need some paid staff. Discussion to continue at next board meeting.
- D.) Imagine U – The Grant Committee and the Centennial Committee proposed coordinating funds to be donated to Imagine U through a grant and as beneficiary of excess centennial

fundraising. The Grant Committee will meet and make recommendation at the next board meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting will be at 7:00 am on June 28, 2022, with plans to meet in person at Quail Park at Shannon Ranch. “Thank you!” for all you do for The Foundation and our community!

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:38 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:

VRC – Susan Lucas                    2022-2023

VSR – Cheri Barnes                    2023-2024

VCC –                                        2024-2025

VLR – if reinstated

VBR

***With appreciation and thanks, we honor our Past Presidents:***

29- Deborah Volosin	2020-2021
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