

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

With a Zoom Option

June 28, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:02 a.m. by President Anees Akhund.

PRESENT (*indicates voting positions followed by applicable one or three-year term expiration year): Anees Akhund (President*, 2022), Eric Shannon (Executive Director*; Director of Long-Range Fund Raising/Planned Giving*, 2024), Duane Scott (Executive Secretary*), Phil Hornburg (Vice President, 2022), Gary Simmons (Treasurer, 2022), Francie Langley (Secretary*, 2022), Deborah Volosin (Immediate Past President*, 2022), Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant), Susan Lucas (President Elect, 2022 and Director of Scholarship Selection*, 2023), Dru Quesnoy (Director of Marketing*, 2023), Jeff Moyer (Director of Scholarship Administration*, 2023), Donn Ritter (Co-Director of Grants, 2022), Marty Zeeb (Major Projects Coordinator, 2022), Scott Jacobsen (VRC*, 2022), and Jeff Boswell. **ABSENT**: Steve Chrisman (Director of Grants*, 2024), Ryan Purkiss, (Director of Finance and Fellowships*, 2024), Gerry Schneider (Director of Giving Administration and Tracking*, 2024), 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 May 24, 2022, meeting stand as presented. (Motion to approve is not required.)

FINANCIAL REPORT: Gary Simmons reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$6,951,330.59 June 23, 2022, compared to the balance of \$7,140,178.48 May 19, 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 \$274,370.97 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. Once paid, there is expected to be remaining funds available to pay for additional Rotary Theater improvements (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 that despite her contacting the scholarship coordinators at all the schools, the vocational scholarship applications are not being submitted as hoped. Susan recently saw a presentation by the Visalia Unified School

District College and Career Readiness Department and has reached out to them regarding the encouragement of vocational students applying for the vocational scholarships. The Department was not aware of our vocational scholarships and Susan was not aware of the Department. (Nice catch, Susan!)

- B.) Grant Committee – Donn Ritter reported the Grant Committee requested an additional \$13,000, for a total of \$198,000, toward grants. He also explained the Samaritan Center applied for a grant after the deadline for air conditioning units that suddenly failed. The Grant Committee felt this was more appropriately handled as a grant from the Emergency Fund. It was **MOVED** by Donn Ritter, second by Eric Shannon, to approve an emergency grant payable by June 30, 2022, to the Samaritan Center for \$17,000 to replace three air conditioning units which failed unexpectedly. Motion **APPROVED**. It was **MOVED** by Eric Shannon, second by Susan Lucas, to include the \$100,000 pledged by the VRCF to the Centennial/Rotary Theater project to the Emergency Fund and to include the undisbursed funds from the Rotary Theater fundraiser as a designated amount reserved for spending on the Centennial/Rotary Theater Project in the Emergency Fund. Motion **APPROVED**.
- C.) Website Update – No report. (As a reminder regarding the discussion last month: accommodations are needed for care of the website.)
- D.) Bylaws Amendment – Phil Hornburg reported on the proposed changes to the Bylaws to include Emeritus Directors. A Board Member Emeritus would be nominated and elected by the Board of Directors. Board Members Emeritus would be nominated from those Board Members who have served with distinction and excellence. They would serve three-year renewable terms for as long as they remain active in the work of the Foundation and may end their term at any time. It was **MOVED** by Eric Shannon, second by Dru Quesnoy, to include the Board Member Emeritus designation in the Bylaws. Motion **APPROVED**. It was **MOVED** by Phil Hornburg, second by Dru Quesnoy, to adjust the names of some of the director positions: Director of Marketing would be renamed Director of Public Relations/Marketing, Director of Giving Administration and Tracking would be renamed Director of Gift Recognition, and Major Projects Coordinator would be renamed Director of Fund Raising/Events. Motion **APPROVED**. It was brought to the attention of the Board that the 2017 Amended and Restated Bylaws granted the position of Secretary of the Board to be a voting position but this was accidentally omitted from the 2021 Amended and Restated Bylaws. It was **MOVED** by Eric Shannon, second by Dru Quesnoy, to correct the Bylaws to include the position of Secretary of the Board as a voting member. Motion **APPROVED**.
- E.) Succession Update: It was **MOVED** by Phil Hornburg, second by Eric Shannon, to approve the following slate for the 2022 – 2023 year: Executive Secretary-Ryan Purkiss; Vice President-Gerry Schneider; Treasurer-Gary Simmons; Secretary-Francie Langley; Director of Grants-Donn Ritter; Director of Fund Raising/Events-Marty Zeeb; President Elect-Cheri Barnes; President Nominee-Tom Hornburg; Board Members Emeritus-Duane Scott, Phil Hornburg, and Steve Chrisman. Motion **APPROVED**. The position of Director of Giving Administration and Tracking would be changed to Director of Gift Recognition in the Amended and Restated Bylaws and continue to be held by Gerry Schneider.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) Approval of Recommended Grants for 2022 - It was **MOVED** by Marty Zeeb, second by Dru Quesnoy, to approve the proposed grants including the additional \$13,000 as follows: Tulare County Hope for the Homeless \$50,000 approved already as part of sequence of payments; Gleaning Seniors \$20,000; Pro Youth \$20,000; Visalia Emergency Aid \$10,000; Family Services of Tulare County \$25,000; Tulare County Library Foundation \$5,000; CASA of Tulare County \$23,000; Assistance League \$10,000; Golden State YMCA/YMCA Camp Sequoia Lake \$15,000; and Able Industries, Inc. \$20,000. Motion **APPROVED**.
- B.) Respite House Usage Report – Eric Shannon reported that the Respite House usage is below expectations. He suggested its usage report be an ongoing agenda item. It was also suggested that the conditions of use may need to be amended to include temporary housing for visiting medical personnel or residents. This issue will be monitored and evaluated as needed.
- C.) Imagine U – It was **MOVED** by Donn Ritter, second by Anees Akhund, to give ImagineU \$25,000 to be paid by June 30, 2022, from the Emergency Fund. Motion **APPROVED**.
- D.) Gorini Note – Phil Hornburg reported that the Gorini Note matures in August. He said Matt Bixler will take care of the notices and current title search to guarantee that there are no intervening liens since inception of the note. It was **MOVED** by Eric Shannon, second by Donn Ritter, to offer a two-year extension of the note. Motion **APPROVED**.
- E.) Thank You, Anees! – Many thanks to Anees Akhund for serving as president of the VRCF Board of Directors this past year. We appreciate your service to Rotary, to our community, and to this Foundation. No, you don't receive a gold watch, but you DO receive golden thanks! Well done!

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be at 7:00 am on July 26, 2022, with plans to meet in person at Quail Park at Shannon Ranch with a Zoom option. “Thank you!” for all you do for The Foundation and our community!

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:55 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 – Tom Hornburg 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