

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
February 28, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 a.m. by President Susan Lucas.

PRESENT (*indicates voting positions followed by applicable one or three-year term expiration year): **Susan Lucas** (President*, 2023; Director of Scholarship Selection*, 2023); **Eric Shannon** (Executive Director*; Director of Long-Range Fund Raising/Planned Giving*, **Gerry Schneider** (Vice President, 2023); **Gary Simmons** (Treasurer, 2023); **Anees Akhund** (Immediate Past President*, 2023); **Shirle Reynolds** (Executive Assistant); **Dru Quesnoy** (Director of Marketing*, 2023); Tom Hornburg (President Nominee, 2023); **Greg Hagopian** (VRC*, 2023); **Jeff Moyer** (Director of Scholarship Administration*, 2023); **Dennis Goebel** (VBR*, 2023); **Ryan Purkiss** Director of Finance and Fellowships*, 2024) (Executive Secretary*; **Jeff Boswell** (Financial Advisor); **Liset Caudillo** (Latino Rotary) **Gene Yunt**.

ABSENT: 2024); Cheri Barnes (President Elect, 2023); **Francie Langley** (Secretary, 2023); **Donn Ritter** (Director of Grants*, 2024); **Marty Zeeb** (Major Projects Coordinator Soon-To-Be-Named Director of Fund Raising/Events, 2023); **Jarrood Harbour** (VSR*, 2023); **Phil Hornburg** (Board Member Emeritus); **Deborah Volosin** (Director of Giving Administration and Tracking Soon-To-Be-Named Director of Gift Recognition*, 2024); **Kris Lareau** (VCC*, 2023); **Steve Chrisman** (Board Member Emeritus); and **Duane Scott** (Board Member Emeritus).

A quorum is 33 1/3% of the fifteen-member voting Board which equals five directors; this meeting had **nine** votes in the form of **eleven** directors toward a quorum. 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 24, 2023, meeting stand as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Gary Simmons reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$7,014,671.47 as of February 23, 2023, compared to the balance of \$7,005,499.44 as of January 19, 2023. \$7500 was disbursed during the month on scholarships. Form 990 was sent with the agenda, please review and if there are no changes it will be filed in about a week. This will be on the website. Thank you to Gary Simons for the preparation of the Form 990. A formal request was made from Munson-Sultana School Music Department from Mary Pauls in the amount of \$5,000 the check has been prepared and will be signed at this meeting. 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 March 1st is the deadline for Scholarship applications, several have been received in the mail along with several emails and inquires. Susan Lucas announced that after being the Scholarship Director for ten years, that she feels that she has brought it pretty far but is thinking about handing it over to someone else. She will be meeting with Liz Wynn and feels she is very competent. Susan states that Liz is very interested in this and if she accepts this position then Susan would turn it over to her on July 1st but will have Liz meeting with the committee this year to prepare. Susan states she has written a votive in detail about how to go about doing the job of Director of Scholarships.
- B.) Grant Committee – Eric Shannon reporting for the Grant Committee at Donn Ritters request (Donn is out of town and unable to attend the meeting). The committee has met a few times and a couple of things were discussed regarding the Grant policy for “Bricks and Mortar” (Grants are not intended for Operating expenses) This being Donn’s first year as the Director of Grants, he wants to be transparent and in the past there have been grants given that are the exceptions. The question was asked does there need to be a policy change or is this up to the decision of the committee? We will continue to look into this, and this discussion will be further followed up on. In the past there was a Wallen Scholarship fund that VRCF managed for this Scholarship—and The Monson - Sultana School was a recipient of a \$5,000 Music Scholarship annually through this scholarship fund. Visalia Rotary Community Foundation was the recipient of a donation from Mr. Gorini. Mr. Gorini lived near the Monson-Sultana School and wanted this money used for the betterment of children in the Tulare County as well as some in area in which he lived. We have memorialized that we will continue for five years to continue the donation to the Monson-Sultana School. There is a check to be signed today regarding this and this will be the second distribution. Upon the receipt of a annual request from (Mary Paul) Monson-Sultana School we will continue to disburse \$5,000 for the next three years. After the fifth year it will be determined on an annual basis. Mr. Gene Yunt was a friend of Mr. Gorini and stated that donations as the one to the Monson-Sultana school would be what he would want.
- C.) Website Update – Gerry Schneider reported the website is an ongoing effort. Please check the site and report any corrections.
- D.) Bylaws Amendment – Anees was able to obtain all of the clubs signatures and then turned into Francie Langley for her signature as the Secretary. A copy of these will then be sent to the Administrative Assistant for filing. Thank you very much for your assistance with this Anees it is very much appreciated.
- E.) Respite House – Deborah was unable to attend but sent the usage report. Sharon’s Place was occupied 77.4% in January 2023 and Al’s Place was used 12.9% in January 2023. Our next meeting will be at Respite House on March 28, 2023.
- F.) Latino Club – The Latino Club would like to thank the VRCF for the invitation to attend. Deborah has been in touch with Liset Caudillo of the Latino club and we welcome their involvement.
- G.) St. Patrick’s Day Party –Dru Quesnoy reported the St. Patrick’s Day Party, named the Blarney Bash, is planned to be held at Imagine U on March 16th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$78 each. Each club is asked to contribute \$250 to help finance the event. No tickets are included with the \$250. This is not a fundraiser. Dinner will be served buffet style with stations for cocktails, wine, beer, and games. “Leprechauns” will be greeters and sell

raffle tickets. Raffle ticket purchases will include coins to be used for the games. Payment for ticket sales and auction items will be by check or through the Breakfast Club's BidPal account, with an add-on to pay the BidPal use fee. It should be fun! Two \$800 wine refrigerators have been donated and we would like each club to donate wine and champagne. These filled Wine refrigerators will be raffled off.

H.) TC Hope – Dru Quesnoy - update- TC Hope is working on a groundbreaking date to be announced. They went out for bids, and they came in a lot higher than anticipated by a lot. So, they have gone back to revamp the plans. None of the layout of plans will change just some of the extras. They are close to getting the final bid from BJ Perch (The only bidder).

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be at Respite House, 614 S. Watson, Visalia CA at 7:00 am on March 28, 2023,. "Thank you!" for all you do for The Foundation and our community!

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:53 a.m.

Shirle Reynolds
Administrative Assistant

Foundation President Rotation Schedule:

VSR – Cheri Barnes 2023-2024

VCC – Tom Hornburg 2024-2025

VLR – if reinstated

VBR

VRC

With appreciation and thanks, we honor our Past Presidents:

30-Anees Akhund	2021-2022
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