

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
January 23, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:03 a.m. by Cheri Barnes, President.

PRESENT (*indicates voting positions followed by applicable one or three-year term expiration year): Cheri Barnes (President*, 2024); Eric Shannon (Executive Director*; Director of Long-Range Fund Raising/Planned Giving*, 2024); Ryan Purkiss (Executive Secretary*; Director of Finance and Fellowships*, 2024); Gerry Schneider (Vice President*, 2024); Gary Simmons (Treasurer*, 2024); Francie Langley (Secretary*, 2024); Shirle Reynolds (Executive Assistant); Anees Akhund (Past President*, 2024; Director of Scholarship Selection*, 2025); Jeff Moyer (Director of Scholarship Administration*, 2024); Dru Quesnoy (Director of Public Relations and Marketing*, 2025; Director of Fund Raising/Events*, 2025); Donn Ritter (Director of Grants*, 2024; Co-Director of Fund Raising/Events, 2025); Deborah Volosin (Director of Gift Recognition*, 2024); Gabby Barnes (Website Coordinator); Jeff Boswell (Financial Advisor). **ABSENT**: Tom Hornburg (President Elect, 2024); Marc Mertz (VRC*, 2024); Karl Schoettler (VCC*, 2024); George Vasquez (VBR*, 2024); Matt Gaebe (VSR*, 2024); Vacant (President Nominee, 2024); Gene Yunt.

Board Members Emeriti: Phil Hornburg, Duane Scott, and Steve Chrisman. Thank you for your service!

A quorum is 33 1/3% of the nineteen-member voting Board which equals six directors; this meeting had **eleven** votes in the form of **fifteen** 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 meetings on December 12, 2023, stand as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Gary Simmons reported the total balance in all the accounts was \$6,735,678.97 (total assets: \$7,432,783.54) as of January 17, 2024, compared to the balance of \$6,537,810.52 (total assets: \$7,258,618.31) as of December 7, 2023. During the month disbursements were \$7,500 for the Dwelle Scholarship, \$1,000 for the Salierno Scholarship, \$1,000 for the Harrell Scholarship, \$10,000 for the Visalia Rotary Scholarship, and \$2,000 for the Nash Scholarship. The draft of the annual financial statements and the draft of the funds available for grant awards were distributed to Board Members to review for approval at the next meeting. The amount listed as available for the Centennial Funds is in addition to the 4% for grants. Three annual payments of \$5,000 each are still due Munson School and \$50,000 is due T C Hope. Dru Quesnoy, as a representative of the T C Hope board requested payment of the \$50,000 to T C Hope. (Nota bene: All the clubs have paid their dues for the year.)

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) Scholarship Committee – Anees Akhund reported electronic scholarship applications are accessible through the Foundation website.
- B.) Grant Committee – Donn Ritter reported grant requests are being received.
- C.) Blarney Bash – Dru Quesnoy distributed fliers for the Bash to be held at Imagine U on March 14. The committee has a goal of \$50,000 in sponsorships and requests each board member be responsible for at least one \$500 sponsorship. Each member club is asked to provide and run a game booth. Sponsors will receive a letter of charitable gift for their records. Those donating \$2,500 may assign the associated Karl Weiss Fellowship to whomever they designate.
- D.) T C Hope – Dru Quesnoy reported the building is in process. It is expected to open in July or August. They are fundraising for infill items. The temperature-controlled kennels for the pets is a special challenge. The construction crews leave the site at 2:30 pm. Dru will organize a tour after the crews leave, if anyone is interested.
- E.) Wine & Cheese Reception – Eric Shannon presented a recap of the event. Thanks go to Jeff Moyer for the use of his facility and his staff which did an outstanding job. The honorees were beyond thrilled. It was the perfect event at the perfect venue. Many attendees offered positive feedback.
- F.) Rotary Theater – Gerry Schneider reported the lighting has been paid for and installed. The plans for landscaping have been approved. Landscaping is expected to be finished in Spring.
- G.) Website – Gerry Schneider thanked Gabby Barnes for her assistance with the website. Gerry is working on a job description for Gabby's position. Gerry will contact the website designer to automate the donation page.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Member Club Representation – Donn Ritter suggested member clubs be encouraged to have an interested member attend VRCF Board meetings as opposed to the impression the representative must be a president elect. A past president is a good choice because they can learn the way the Foundation operates and would be prepared if they became President of the VRCF Board. He suggested the board encourage participation of interested members as part of the Board succession planning.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be at 7:00 am on February 27, 2024, at Quail Park at Shannon Ranch conference room, 3440 W. Flagstaff Avenue, Visalia, CA with a Zoom option. "Thank you!" for all you do for The Foundation and our community!

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:39 a.m.

Francie Langley
Secretary

Foundation President Rotation Schedule:
VCC – Tom Hornburg 2024-2025
VLR – if reinstated
VBR
VRC

With appreciation and thanks, we honor our Past Presidents:

31- Susan Lucas	2022-2023
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
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