

MINUTES

ROTARY CLUB OF FIG GARDEN - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING – 28 SEPTEMBER 2011

PRESENT

Officers

V.P./Pres.-Elect (PE) – Stacy Rianda

Treasurer – Scott Bristol

Secretary – Greg Ruf

Directors at Large

Past President – Deborah Coe Hood

Community Service 1<sup>ST</sup> Year – Jeff Oliver

International Service 1<sup>ST</sup> Year - Ron Fletcher

International Service 2<sup>ND</sup> Year – Jon Chessum

Vocational Service 1<sup>ST</sup> Year - Bob Abrams

FGR Foundation Chair - Tom Ogden

FGR Foundation Treasurer – Fausto Hinojosa

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President – Darryl Booth

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Board of Directors – Open Positions

President-Elect-Elect

Community Service 2<sup>ND</sup> Year

Others Present

Bill Robinson

Mike Graves

Coline Son Lee

Diane Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 a.m. by Vice President/ President-Elect Stacy Rianda, concurrent with the FGR Foundation Board Meeting, in the Boardroom of the Stoughton Davidson Accountancy Corporation at 2520 West Shaw Lane, Suite 101, Fresno, California 93711

## **Approval of Agenda**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Agenda. There being no discussion the Agenda was approved. (MSC)

## **Consent Items**

Membership = 90

August Attendance = 81%

August 2011 Board Meeting Minutes, August 2011 Foundation Board Meeting Minutes, September 16 Special Board Meeting Minutes – There being no discussion or corrections; the minutes were approved. (MSC)

## **Reports**

### **President's Report**

PE Stacy Rianda reminded the Board that Denver Butler will be the Club Secretary as of October 1, 2011. She also stated that an Attendance Secretary position is still being considered but that there was no candidate at the present time.

PE Rianda noted that the club attendance policy has been posted on the club website as a follow-up to the Board's discussion of the matter last month.

PE Rianda raised the issue of receivables. Treasurer Scott Bristol advised the Board that 11 payments had been received through the recently established PayPal link on the club website. He also advised that 18 responses had been received to prompt payment emails. A general discussion regarding the on-going issue of aging member accounts ensued with a consensus that there is a need to establish a stronger collections effort.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Bristol reported on the Club account, with comparisons to the budget and to last year. As of August 31, 2011

#### Assets

Checking	\$31,691.41
Receivables	\$20,614.55

A motion was made to approve the Treasures report. MSC

## Secretary's Report

### Attendance Deficiencies

Secretary Ruf reported that one member, Rich Christiansen, had missed five consecutive meetings up through August 19 (too late to post make-ups). The Board was also advised that member Christiansen was just granted an attendance waiver for seven consecutive missed meetings through July 8, 2011 at the July 2011 Board meeting, and that absent a Board action, his membership is subject to termination. A motion was made to forgive the absences and to continue the membership without interruption. MSC

### Membership Status

Secretary Ruf reported that member Beth Waldow has made a career move and is now practicing law in the field of Medical Malpractice. Membership Committee member John Ganahl has reviewed the club member classifications status and found that the classification of "**Law- Medical Malpractice**" is suitable and available. A motion was made and seconded to approve the change in Beth Waldow's membership classification to "Law-Medical Malpractice." The motion carried.

Secretary Ruf reported that member Rudy Ramirez has made a career move. He was formerly employed at Chase Bank; he is now working at the University of Phoenix in the field of academic counseling. Membership Committee member John Ganahl has reviewed the club member classifications status and found that the classification of "**Education – Academic Advisor**" is suitable and available." A motion was made and seconded to approve the change in Rudy Ramirez' membership classification to "Education – Academic Advisor." The motion carried.

### Proposed Members

Secretary Ruf reported that the application for membership submitted by Ms. Teresa Havens, whose sponsors are PE Rianda and Membership Chair Bill Robinson, has been reviewed by the Membership Committee. Eligibility and classification were considered and the classification of "**Business - Office Interiors**" is being proposed by the Committee. The Committee has found no cause that Ms. Havens should not be offered membership in FGR and recommended that the Board approve her application and classification and to move her on to FGR information. A motion was so made and seconded. The motion carried.

## Avenues Of Service

### Club Service - Chairpersons were not present

Director Jeff Oliver reported that about 43 members are expected at the coming annual Retreat.

PE Rianda reminded the Board of the Day at the Races planned for 10/07/11.

## Community Service

Director Oliver distributed copies of the Community Service Committee meeting minutes for the meetings held on September 14 and September 16, 2011. The minutes note a Current Budget of \$34,413.87.

Director Oliver brought forth a recommendation from the Committee to contribute up to \$2,000 to Make-A-Wish for a young man with Leukemia. The funds would be used to make-up the remaining balance needed for a trip to Ireland to visit family. His trip is already being sponsored in large part by member Mike Graves' employer. A motion was made and seconded to provide a contribution not to exceed **\$2,000**. The motion carried.

Director Oliver brought forth a recommendation from the Committee to fund a new water feature at the Rotary sponsored Playland Splash Park (*Splash Junction*). The existing Splash Park was pre-plumbed for this proposed and other possible future additions. The request for the Funbrella water feature was for \$3,800. After discussion a motion was made to contribute up to **\$5,000** to buy the equipment and pay for taxes and shipping. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

Director Oliver brought forth a recommendation from the Committee to fund the flag football program at Pinedale Elementary School. They are seeking funds for the purchase of shirts, water jugs, whistles, referee hats, ribbons and trophies. The Committee is seeking Board approval for a contribution of \$700. After discussion a motion was made and seconded. The motion carried.

Director Oliver provided an update on the Woodward Park bench project, which is moving forward but that there is no set schedule yet. He also advised the Board that the Committee is moving forward with the Adopt-A-Park program with an intended hands-on-project at Logan Park as discussed at last month's Board meeting. The third hands on project that the Committee is working on is the Hacienda project. (*The Hacienda, once a resort, is being restored by Mental Health Systems, Inc. to be used as a residence for women and their children as they make their way back into the community.*) This is a project that the 2010-2011 Board authorized a grant of \$2,500 for, which has yet to be disbursed. Several FGR members furnished a room last year and the Committee is looking to conduct a similar project this year with Denise Jereb once again acting as the coordinator.

## Vocational Service

Director Abrams reported that member Craig DeShields had agreed to be a participant in the vocational speak program at a coming lunch. The possibility of a field trip to a member's business was discussed with KMJ being a possibility.

## International Service

Director Jon Chessum reported on a possible opportunity to participate in an International project being put together by the Rotary Club of Sanger. The Sanger Club is trying to get

funding commitments from other Rotary clubs to help with both paying shipping costs to send an Ambulance to Tonga as well as to fund a water park project. FGR member Judy Case has assisted the Sanger Club with securing an Ambulance from American Ambulance. The Sanger Club is seeking a commitment of \$5,000 and will be applying for a District grant for matching funds. Director Chessum advised the Board that a former member of the Sanger Club is now a minister in Tonga and is someone local to the project that can help with the process from that side. After discussion a motion was made to contribute up to **\$5,000** provided the Sanger Club puts in \$5,000 or more. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

### **President Elect's Report**

President Elect Stacy Rianda had no report beyond the opening report.

### **Past President's Report**

Past President Deborah Coe Hood had no report.

### **Old Business**

Brief discussion regarding scholarships and the scholarship process. President Booth is to get scholarship information to Director Rich Sakai with regard to funds available from last year (waiting to be distributed on proof of registration) and for this year's allocation.

### **New Business**

No new business.

### **Adjournment**

PE Rianda adjourned the Meeting at 8:02 a.m.

### **Next Meeting**

October 26, 2011

Respectfully Submitted By Greg Ruf – Past Club Secretary.

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**Foundation Chair Report:**

Foundation Chair Tom Ogden reported that there was nothing new to report since last month.

Foundation Chair Ogden reported that there are three Paul Harris Fellow awards ready to be presented.

**Foundation Treasurer Report:**

Foundation Treasurer Fausto Hinojosa distributed a copy of the Balance Sheet. Total assets as of August 31, 2011 are \$412,020.13. Grants in the amount of \$5,350.00 were paid out during August., The value of the Permanent Fund on August 31 at \$359,163.95.

**Adjournment:**

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**Next Meeting:**

September 28, 2011

Respectfully Submitted By Greg Ruf – Past Club Secretary.