**MINUTES**

**ROTARY CLUB OF FIG GARDEN – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**JULY 25, 2012**

PRESENT

Officers

President – Stacy Rianda

Treasurer – Scott Bristol

Secretary – Denver Butler

Directors at Large

Club Service 1st Year – Bryan Souza

Club Service 2nd Year – Mary Horst

Community Service 2nd Year – Jeff Oliver

International Service 1st Year – Tripp Pound

International Service 2nd Year – Ron Fletcher

Vocational Service 1st Year – Bob Miller

Vocational Service 2nd Year – Bob Abrams

President Elect – Rich Sakai

Past President – Darryl Booth

FGR Foundation Chair – Tom Ogden

ABSENT

FGR Foundation Treasurer – Fausto Hinojosa

Board of Directors – Open Positions

Community Service – 1st Year

Others Present

 Teresa Havens - Attendance Secretary

Bill Robinson – Membership Chairman

Michael Bowery – COG

Will Forath - COG

Desiree Heckman – COG

Rudy Ramirez - COG

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by President Stacy Rianda, concurrent with the FGR Foundation Board Meeting, in the Boardroom of the Stoughton Davidson Accountancy Corporation at 2520 W. Shaw Lane, Suite 101, Fresno, CA, 93711.

**Approval of Agenda**

No action was taken with respect to this item.

**Consent Items**

Membership = 88

June Attendance = 79.8%

May 23, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes, May 23, 2012 Foundation Board Meeting Minutes – There being no discussion or corrections, the Minutes were approved.

**Reports**

President’s Report

President Rianda reported that proposed new member, Leslie Arnold, has been approved by the membership committee and submitted to the Board for approval. The Board voted unanimously to accept her application and instructed the Secretary to have the FGRI Committee proceed with processing her application and posting of the 7-day notice.

President Rianda announced that we have received resignations from Lorna Bonyhadi, Kerri Donis, and Junso Ogawa. The Board agreed to accept the resignations of Kerri Donis and Junso Ogawa, but the Board tbled Lorna Bonyhadi’s resignation, until next month’s Board meeting, and President Rianda was to contact Lorna and discuss it with her. President Rianda noted that Junso Ogawa’s resignation left a major opening, in that he was both the Club Youth Exchange Counselor and the Youth Exchange Officer. After discussion about the program and our inbound student, Daniel Cuellar Garcia, from Spain, who will arrive in August, Bob Abrams agreed to accept the position as Club Youth Exchange Counselor, on a temporary basis, and President Rianda will attend the next Youth Exchange training course on Saturday, July 28, and will try to find someone to fill the position of Youth Exchange Officer. Michael Bowery expressed interest in learning more about it, and possibly volunteering for the position.

President Rianda mentioned that Erin Rhames-Childs asked if her proposed FGR “Running Club” get together could be used as make-ups for FGR members’ missed meetings. After much discussion, it was decided that President Rianda would contact Erin and ask her to come to next month’s Board meeting and answer Board members’ questions. Jeff Oliver also said that he would talk to her about what charities they were looking at donating to.

President Rianda noted that the membership committee had recommended that the Board approve a change in classification for Bob Abrams from “Law-Real Estate” to “Law-Municipal”. The Board voted to approve the change of classification.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Scott Bristol reported that as of June 30, the club’s treasury had a balance of $44,468.24, with income for the year of $56,650.83, and expenses of $64,867.88, leaving net income of $<8,217.05>. He noted that the income was lower than budgeted due to a drop in members and dues/fines, and that there are still some income and expenses budgeted that have not been received and paid. He also noted $5,000.00 had been transferred to the Foundation Permanent Fund, which is now close to $400,000.00. It was MSP that the Treasurer’s Report be approved. (Ogden/Booth)

Treasurer Bristol presented the 2013-2014 budget, showing projected revenues of $61,930.00, and projected expenses of $60,235.00. It was MSP that the budget be approved. (Ogden/Booth)

There was some discussion about how member fines are handled, and a motion was made to have a committee study the By-Laws and perhaps propose a new method of handling the fines, and the motion was tabled pending a report/recommendation from the committee. The committee is to consist of Secretary Butler, Treasurer Bristol, PE Rich Sakai, Director Abrams, and Membership Chair Robinson, who will bring a report/proposal to the next Board Meeting for the Board to review and perhaps vote on.

Secretary’s Report

Secretary Butler discussed several ongoing attendance issues:

Members below 50% attendance:

Rich Christensen – 48% for the second half of the year, and 41.7% for the full year. It was noted that Rich had been granted excused absences for enough meetings to technically keep him in good standing, so no further action is required at this time. Also, it was noted that he had missed four meetings in a row in June, so the Board voted to grant him excused absences for those meetings.

Susan Geringer – 30 % for the second half of the year and 22.9% for the full year. It was noted that Susan had previously been granted approval by the Board to be exempt from the 30% home club attendance requirement provided she met the 50% attendance via make-ups. It was also noted that she had been contacted by both Secretary Butler and Past President Booth, to discuss her lack of meeting attendance requirements, and that she had indicated her intent to comply, but has not done so. After some discussion, it was decided that Susan Geringer’s membership in Fig Garden Rotary should be terminated due to lack of attendance. (MSP)

Lucy Ollivier – 48% for the second half, but 50% for the full year.

Erin Rhames-Childs – 44% for the second half of the year and 45.8% for the full year. It was noted that Erin had been granted excused absences for enough meetings to keep her in good standing, so no further action is required at this time.

David Stepp – 40% for the second half of the year, and 45.8% for the full year. It was noted that David had discussed his lack of attendance with Secretary Butler and Treasurer Bristol, and was in the process of trying to get back on track to remain in the club and in conformance with attendance requirements. The Board voted to grant Dave excused absences for his series of 6 missed meetings in May and June, which would then bring him into compliance with RI requirements.

Secretary Butler noted that member Bill Robinson (Membership Committee Chair) had requested that the Board grant him the status of “Rotarian Emeritus”, since he has reached age 65, and has more than 20 years of service in Rotary, but is still employed full-time. The Board voted unanimously to grant his request, and Foundation Chair Tom Ogden is to prepare the certificate and it will be presented to Bill at an upcoming meeting.

Club Service

Director Horst reported that the Directors had met yesterday and mapped out a plan to have at least one social event each month for the coming year. She listed the prospective events, including the usual Day at the Races, Retreat, Christmas Party, and Basque Hotel Meeting, plus several other new/fun events, and said that more information and details would be forthcoming.

Community Service

Director Jeff Oliver reported that the Committee has already planned and budgeted for several recurring/on-going projects, including Sober Grad night, the Bikes program, and repairing more Woodward Park Benches. Director Oliver asked Treasurer Bristol a couple of questions to clarify the budget items. He then asked for approval to proceed with the three scheduled projects. The Board voted unanimously to approve funding for those items.

Vocational Service

Director Abrams noted that the Committee will be holding regular meetings to plan projects. He noted that they planned to have a vocational talk by a member at a regular meeting each month.

International Service

Director Fletcher noted that the Tonga Ambulance Project, in cooperation with the Sanger Rotary Club, had finally gotten completed and that the ambulance was re-done and is on its way to Tonga. He also noted that the Committee is currently looking at the possibility of another wheel chair project.

President Elect’s Report

 No report.

Past President’s Report

Past President Booth noted that he still had some appreciation gifts for those who served during his year and who were not present at the last meeting to receive them.

**Old Business**

No old business.

**New Business**

Bill Robinson noted that he had heard that some Rotary Clubs were coming up with a new 5th Avenue of Service, called “New Generation”. After some discussion, it was decided that our club is handling those areas of service under other existing Committees, and programs, so no action is required at this time with respect to adding the 5th Avenue of service.

**Adjournment**

President Rianda adjourned the meeting at 8:35 AM.

**Next Meeting**

August 23, 2012

Respectfully submitted by Denver Butler – Club Secretary