**MINUTES**

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

**REGULAR MEETING – March 28, 2012**

PRESENT

Officers

President – Darryl Booth

Treasurer – Scott Bristol

Secretary – Denver Butler

Directors at Large

Community Service 1st Year – Jeff Oliver

International Service 1st Year – Ron Fletcher

President Elect – Stacy Rianda

Past President – Deborah Coe-Hood

Vocational Service 1st Year – Bob Abrams

Vocational Service 2nd Year – Rich Sakai (also President Elect-Elect)

FGR Foundation Chair – Tom Ogden

FGR Foundation Treasurer – Fausto Hinojosa

ABSENT

Club Service 1st Year – Mary Horst (excused)

Club Service 2nd Year – Jon Aznavoorian

International Service 2nd Year – Jon Chessum

Board of Directors – Open Positions

Community Service – 2nd Year

Others Present

Bill Robinson

Robin Baldwin

Hezron Gurley

Brad Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 AM by President Booth, 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 = 90  
February Attendance = 82.7%

February 22, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes, February 22, 2012 Foundation Board Meeting Minutes – There being no discussion or corrections, the Minutes were approved. MSA - (Abrams/Oliver)

**Reports**

President’s Report

President Darryl Booth noted that club attendance was up in February.

Next President Booth read portions of a letter from member Marty Dietz notifying us of his resignation from membership in FGR.

President Booth noted that he had received a request from member Susan Geringer asking that her home club attendance requirement be waived, and that her lack of attendance to date be forgiven. After some discussion, her request was approved, granting her a six-month period of no home club attendance requirement, provided she maintains a minimum 50% overall attendance via make-ups. MSA Ogden/Abrams

President Booth also read portions of a request from member Jennifer Laval, asking for an extension of her Leave of Absence. An extension of six months was approved. MSA – Abrams/Ogden

Next, President Booth reminded us of our upcoming meetings agendas:

March 30 will be a combined meeting with The Cultural Arts Rotary, East Fresno Rotary and North Fresno Rotary. The program will be presented by Past District Governor and Rotary International Director, Ken Boyd. It is anticipated that District Governor George Wade and his wife will also be present.

President Booth then recognized member Robin Baldwin who had requested permission to address the Board. Robin asked that the Board consider re-instating production of the Rotary Blue Book. The estimated cost would be approximately $9.75 per book, with minimal annual costs thereafter to update and maintain them. Bill Robinson added that if approved, the book should include all of the historical aspects that were in the former blue books, including club history, past president pages, etc. After much discussion, it was decided to proceed, granting a budget of up to $1,000 initially, then additional expenses as needed for additional copies for new members and for periodic updates. The project was assigned to the Club Service Committee. MSA – Butler/Bristol

Treasurer Scott Bristol handed out a list of members with past-due balances for discussion. It was noted that several members are working to get caught up, but some are not. Foundation Chairman Tom Ogden presented a copy of a letter that he proposed to send to those who appear to be ignoring their financial obligations, asking them when and how they intend to get their accounts current, and to give us a proposed payment plan. After some discussion, and a few recommended changes, the Board voted to approve sending out the letter to those selected delinquent members, to be followed up on at the April Board meeting. MSA – Hinojosa/Abrams

Finally, President Booth announced that planning had begun for his Demotion Party.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Scott Bristol reported that as of January 31, the club’s treasury had a balance of $40,358.11, with income for the year of $41,199.13, and expenses of $35,079.76, leaving net income of $6,129.37. The club is $4,072.73 ahead of the budget year-to-date.

Foundation Chairman Tom Ogden noted that there appears to be some confusion as to whether some checks he received should be run through the club account or the foundation account. Treasurer Bristol pointed out that since both are tax exempt entities, and funds are frequently transferred from one to the other, it really doesn’t matter which account items are deposited into, and therefore no action is required by the Board.

It was moved that the Treasurer’s Report be approved. MSA – Ogden/Hinojosa

Secretary’s Report

Secretary Butler noted that there were several members with attendance issues. Those included:

Marty Dietz, Susan Geringer and Jennifer Laval, all of which were resolved by earlier actions by the Board.

Erin Rhames-Childs and Michael Stewart are below 50% attendance. Rich Sakai offered to call Michael Stewart and find out what is his problem. President Booth asked Secretary Butler to draft letters to both members noting their attendance problem and asking them to address the problem. The issue will then be discussed and any necessary action taken at the April Board meeting.

Doug Cords and Stewart “Skip” Scott both have 0% attendance for over two years. After some discussion, noting that both are “Rule of 85” which has no attendance requirements, and both pay their dues regularly, it was determined that they are technically in compliance, and no action is required by the Board.

Secretary Butler then noted that Joanie LeRoux, who is a member of Fresno Rotary, but does many make ups at FGR had requested being granted the status of an honorary member of FGR so that she did not have to be introduced as a guest at every meeting she attends. It was moved that she be granted an honorary membership in FGR, and that the Secretary order her a badge. MSA – Bristol/Abrams

Secretary Butler then brought up the two proposed new members currently being processed – Michael Bowery and returning Past President Mary Lou Gunn. Bill Robinson noted that the Board had approved moving ahead with processing their applications, and that the Membership Committee is meeting tomorrow to see if they now choose to proceed with the process of being accepted into Fig Garden Rotary. It is assumed that they will both accept, and President Booth will be notified, and will have the 7-day notice posted in this week’s bulletin. He will also instruct Secretary Butler to prepare an induction package for Michael Bowery – Mary Lou Gunn will receive a new pin and (Past President) badge. It was noted that Mary Lou Gunn had asked to be excused from the requirement of going through the COG process. After some discussion the Board voted to approve allowing her to skip the COG process. MSA – Bristol/Butler.

Secretary Butler noted that the membership committee had changed the proposed classification for Mary Lou Gunn from “Radio – Management” to “Radio – General Manager”, and had also recommended that the classification for Patti Hixon be up-dated from “Radio – Local Sales” to “Radio – Senior Vice President”. MSA – Bristol/Sakai

Club Service

No Report

Community Service

1. Director Jeff Oliver reported that the Committee had voted to ask the Board for approval to allocate an additional $1,175 to the Fresno/Madera – Youth For Christ club, if needed, to help fund the cleaning and painting of the youth activity room floor, noting that the other clubs have not yet come forward with the other half. MSA – Ogden/Hinojosa
2. Director Oliver stated that we have been asked by the Fresno Community Housing Council to help provide funding for their proposed purchase of new computers. The total estimated cost is $4,290.77, and Director Oliver proposes that we commit to pay half $2,150. He also noted that Director Abrams and member Bryan Souza are working with local hospitals to try to procure slightly used computers for them at about ½ price. The Board approved the $2,150 contribution. MSA – Rianda/Sakai
3. Director Oliver asked for approval of $2,300 for PAIN (Prescription Abusers In Need) for computer equipment to help them make presentation to Fresno schools. MSA – Abrams/Ogden

Vocational Service

Director Rich Sakai reported on three items:

1. Camp Royal 2012 - Selection Committee (Fogderude and Baxter et al) will be meeting on April 13th to select the candidates for the 2012 Camp Royal from Bullard HS.  There is a known conflict for the Juniors as there is testing during the Camp Royal week.

Date for the cooking by FGR is June 13th for the Ladies

2. Scholarship - Applications were due March 23, 2012.  During the first week of April, the FGR Scholarship Committee will meet to review the applications and select the recipients.

3. Career Month - It is in April. There are three schools participating, Bullard, Sunnyside and Fort Miller Middle School. There is a week of Easter Break.  Schools will contact Rich's Administrative Secretary for date & time as vocations choices.  She will match The Fig Garden Rotarians if possible with the school, date, time and vocation contacting both the Rotarian and the school.

International Service

No Report

President Elect’s Report

1. President Elect Stacy Rianda reported that District 5230 is holding a Club Leadership Training Course, April 14 at Kerman High School, and if you want to sign up, go to the DaCdb website. So far, Stacy Rianda, Denver Butler and Roy Massey are signed up.
2. PE Rianda reported that (so far) we have a net profit of $33,227.05 from this year’s auction.

Past President’s Report

Past President Coe-Hood stated that she had nothing to report.

**Old Business**

No old business.

**New Business**

No new business

**Adjournment**

President Booth adjourned the meeting at 8:15 AM. MSA

**Next Meeting**

April 25, 2012

Respectfully submitted by Denver Butler – Club Secretary