**MINUTES**

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

**REGULAR MEETING – October 31, 2012**

PRESENT

Officers

President – Stacy Rianda

Treasurer – Scott Bristol

Secretary – Denver Butler

Directors at Large

Club Service 2nd Year – Mary Horst

Community Service 1st Year – Mike Andritch

Community Service 2nd Year – Jeff Oliver

International Service 1st Year – Tripp Pound

Vocational Service 2nd Year – Bob Abrams

Past President – Darryl Booth

FGR Foundation Chair – Tom Ogden

FGR Foundation Treasurer - Fausto Hinojosa

ABSENT

Club Service 1st Year – Bryan Souza

International Service 2nd Year – Ron Fletcher

Vocational Service 1st Year – Bob Miller

President Elect – Rich Sakai

Others Present

 Robin Baldwin

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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**

The Agenda was approved – Ogden/Butler - MSC.

**Club Membership**

Membership = Unchanged at 89

September Attendance = 75.6%%

**Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

After two changes, the September 26, 2012 FGR Board Meeting Minutes were approved. Copies of the revised Minutes will be sent out. The September 26, 2012 Foundation Board

Meeting Minutes were approved as written. Andritch/Abrams - MSC

**Reports**

President’s Report

President Rianda advised us that Junso Ogawa, who has now joined Fresno Sunrise Rotary,

will remain serving as our Youth Exchange Officer, and Desiree Heckman will continue to serve as our Rotary Youth Exchange Counselor for the rest of the 2012-2013 year.

 Our outbound student for next year is to be Allison Howell, from Clovis North High School. Jordan Krikorian (Mary Horst’s daughter) applied too late, and is now an alternate back-up, but Tom Ogden noted that he was hopeful that the Fresno Rotary Club was going to sponsor her as a RYE student.

 President Rianda gave special recognition to Tom Howard for his outstanding work on this year’s Spooktacular event. Attendance for the event was less than half of last year’s attendance, and even after Tom’s great planning and hard work, we probably netted only about $200 - $400. Final numbers are not available yet.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Scott Bristol reported that as of September 30, 2012 the club’s treasury had a balance of $40,772.18, with income for the year to date of $20,116.50, and expenses of $13,750.06, leaving net income of $6,366.44. The club is $1,574.44 ahead of the budget year-to-date. It was noted that part of the month’s expenditures were left over expenses from the Demotion Party, and that the cost of the RYE program had nearly doubled, to $1,350.00

Treasurer Bristol noted that we are still waiting to see how much money will be coming in from the Running Group’s fundraiser.

He also noted that several members are still behind on their dues and contribution payments.

It was MSC that the Treasurer’s Report be approved. Ogden/Oliver

Secretary’s Report

Secretary Butler discussed the following ongoing attendance issues:

Michael Stewart: Less than 30% home club attendance (but 81% overall). His answer: Denver:  Thank you for your email message and I do plan to catch up within the next several weeks. Currently my employer requires that I work out of the Fresno area for the last several months and this will continue until March.  I have been able to complete make ups at Selma and Visalia Rotary Clubs.  Thanks. Also,  we're short two employees so I am working those positions as well my normal assignment.  I'll do the best I can do to turn this around. –-- The Board voted to forgive Michael’s lack of home club attendance in light of his circumstances and the fact that he has maintained better than average attendance via make-ups. Bristol/Oliver MSC

Hezron Gurley – missed five meetings in a row 9/7 – 10/5; also, he is currently at 37.5% attendance year-to-date. -- After some discussion, it was decided that President Rianda would ask Hezron to come to the next Board meeting to explain his lack of attendance, so no action was taken by the Board at this time.

Randy Forrester – missed four meetings in a row 8/31 - 9/21 (OK at 62.5% overall). After some discussion, the Board voted to excuse Randy for the four consecutive missed meetings. Ogden/Abrams - MSC

Doug Constant - missed four meetings in a row 9/14 – 10/5 Also, currently at 43.8% attendance year-to-date. It was noted that Doug had changed jobs during the period of his absence, and was not able to make the meetings, and that he had promised to try to catch up on his overall attendance. It was also noted that Doug was at the Spooktacular event on Saturday, which might get him caught up on the overall attendance. After some discussion, the Board voted to excuse Doug for the missed meetings, and work with him to get caught up on overall attendance. Horst/Bristol - MSC

Deborah Coe-Hood – missed five meetings in a row 9/14 – 10/12 Was out of action for medical reasons. After some discussion, the Board voted to excuse PP Coe-Hood for the absences, since they were at least partially to medical conditions. Ogden/Bristol - MSC

Tom Miller – currently at 37.5% attendance year-to-date. His response: You are correct.  I have been covering additional areas with my job and have not been able to make many meetings over the last 3 months.  I will be trying to make those up in Nov-Dec. --- After some discussion, it was decided that President Rianda would also contact Tom and invite him to come to the next Board meeting to explain his lack of attendance, so no action was taken by the Board at this time.

It was MSC that the Secretary’s Report be approved. - Rianda/Abrams

Club Service

 Director Mary Horst reported that they are still working to find a location for the Christmas Party. Several Directors offered suggestions as to possible host houses, and Director Mike Andritch noted that he would check with his wife to see if we could use their house. Director Horst will keep us posted.

Community Service

Director Jeff Oliver reported on the following items:

1. Valley Teen Ranch has requested $4,350 to replace some fence that we had installed for them many years ago that has now deteriorated badly. He noted that he might also set up a work day for FGR members to help install some of the new fence as a hands-on project. The Board voted to approve the allocation. Ogden/Bristol - MSC
2. The Boys and Girls Club of Fresno has requested $9,797 to pay for a portion of some computer equipment they are setting up to Cisco certify some of the members. FGR Foundation Treasurer Fausto Hinojosa noted that he had met with them and was given a full explanation of the project, which he deemed very worthwhile. He (confirmed by Director Oliver) noted that the Fresno Boys and Girls Club (affiliated with, but separate from) the Pinedale Boys and Girls Club, has never before received any funds from FGR. After much discussion, the Board voted to approve the expenditure. Ogden/Booth – MSC. After the vote, it was suggested by Director Abrams that, after the equipment is all installed and set up, perhaps we have a field trip meeting to go down to the Boys and Girls Club to check out the facility.
3. Director Oliver noted that we have acquired all the necessary materials to install the new bench for Mike Reynold’s family, and to repair the Baldwin family bench, but due to the calendar and other agenda items, the installation has been postponed until probably April 2013.
4. Director Oliver noted that Tom Howard has now purchased/collected all of the equipment that we are to donate to the Duncan Polytechnic School Robotics team project, and that it will be presented, as a surprise, to the participants, who have been invited to attend this week’s FGR meeting.

Vocational Service

1. Director Bob Abrams noted that he would like to perhaps arrange a field trip to the Rescue Mission on Motel Drive which we donated some funds to last year. He recently attended their fundraiser, where they apparently raised over $100,000. President Rianda told him to work with Program Chair Judy Case to make arrangements for the potential upcoming field trip.
2. He also noted that he will soon begin contacting local area high schools to seek student scholarship applicants. We are budgeted for six scholarships of $500 each, and will accept applicants from any local area high school. He would welcome recommendations from members for school contacts.
3. Director Andritch asked Director Abrams about “job shadowing” this year. Director Abrams noted that the job shadowing program had not been a success the last couple of times, so they have switched to and are working on trying to set up a “Speed Job” Program at Bullard High, where members would met briefly with students to discuss market opportunities.

International Service

Director Tripp Pound stated that they are currently looking into some new projects, including some water treatment programs. He also noted that FGR Foundation President Tom Ogden had sent out bills to Rotarians who had volunteered to purchase wheel chairs for the Wheel Chair project. Tom, then noted that he had billed for 47 chairs. He noted that our goal was a minimum of 50 chars, so he volunteered to purchase one more, and Treasurer Bristol volunteered to purchase two, to bring the total to 50.

President Elect’s Report

President Elect Rich Sakai was absent, so no report was made.

Past President’s Report

Past President Darryl Booth said he had nothing to report.

**Old Business**

No old business.

**New Business**

Robin Baldwin asked for Boards blessing to install a plaque in memory of Kimber Reynolds in front of the building where she was killed, that would have our name on it. After some discussion, it was defined as being a plaque placed in the sidewalk, which will be paid for by donations from individual members, not the general fund, and which will not mention that it was the site of her killing. The Board voted to approve the project, subject to Robin obtaining approval from the Reynolds family prior to proceeding with the project. Pound/Andritch - MSC

**Adjournment**

President Rianda adjourned the meeting at 8:14 AM.

**Next Meeting**

President Rianda noted that she is obligated to be elsewhere on the morning of November 28, 2012, so, after some discussion, it was decided that the November Board Meeting would be moved to December 5, 2012. Ogden/Oliver - MSC

Respectfully submitted by Denver Butler – Club Secretary