

SONOMA VALLEY FUND
JANUARY 8, 2015
ALTIMIRA MIDDLE SCHOOL
SONOMA, CALIFORNIA

PRESENT: BLATTNER, BRANGHAM, COLLINS, DALE, HUGHES LYNCH, MAGRANE,
RYMER, BOLLING, PISTOLE, VAN CAMP, GRANDY, ELIOT, FULTON, ITURRI, YOUNG

Community Foundation Staff; BROWN, NELSON

A quorum was present.

Rymer called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM.

Introductions were made around the room.

The agenda was approved.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of November 13 were approved as corrected (Valerie Pistole **was** present).

FINANCIAL REVIEW: Hughes presented reports on the five SVF funds and all were approved as presented. She noted they would be trued-up by the next meeting. Board members were reminded that they must submit their signed Conflict of Interest forms ASAP.

OFFICERS ELECTED: Rymer presented the slate of officers for 2015:

President	Joshua Rymer
Vice President	Kimberly Blattner
Treasurer	Barbara Hughes
Secretary	Dennis Collins

The slate was approved.

Rymer pointed out that he had not appointed a chair for the Development Committee and encouraged members to speak to him if they were interested in assuming that role. He also encouraged members to speak with Blattner if they wished to change or add committee assignments.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT: Brown spoke about her excitement about the Sonoma Valley Fund taking on the responsibility for grantmaking from the Todd Trust in Sonoma Valley., noting that she hopes the Trust will bring \$1 million to the Valley over the next three years. She also spoke about grantmaking at the Community Foundation in the year ahead, noting that "Love of place" would be a major theme, joined with expressions of "gratitude and generosity." A major theme of the

Community Foundation is to “Steward Donor Intent Over Time “ as a statement of their value proposition.

Blattner outlined community outreach events for 2015 and Rymer reviewed the plans for a program of Community Conversations with David Bolling, which will involve residents of Sonoma Valley in conversations about issues and opportunities for citizen engagement to improve the quality of life for all Sonoma Valley residents. The first of these conversations will occur in April.

Pistole spoke about how one can give tangible personal property to charity without having to change one’s estate plan

GROW PHILANTHROPY: Kristin Nelson of the Community Foundation spoke about the power of stories and other communication techniques to demonstrate one’s engagement with the Sonoma Valley Fund. Future sessions will elaborate on the subject.

The next meeting will take place on March 12, 2015

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM