



FOUNDATION

FOR

RUSHFORD-PETERSON SCHOOLS

Foundation for Rushford –Peterson Schools Minutes

Friday Oct. 4th, 2013, 12:15pm R-P school upper library

Present - Lisa Lawston, Lisa Ledebuhr, Jenny Helgemoe, Linda Hovland, Lu Peterson, Roger Metz, Brad Hoiness, Alan Lipowitz, Robin Honken, Greg Smith, Dale Evavold

Not present- Chuck Ehler

Motion by Brad to approve minutes from Sept 6th, seconded by Alan, motion approved

Treasurer's report – Roger reported our current balance is \$7,610, after receiving \$5,000 donation from Smith Farms.

Website update- The photo taken of Smith Farm's presenting a \$5,000 check to President Ledebuhr and Superintendent Ehler will be added to the front page of the Website, <http://foundationfor-rp-schools.org/>.

Jenny Helgemoe brought up the idea of having a scholarship fund drive. This idea was presented to her from new principal, Jake Timm. He said New Prague Foundation did this, and it was successful. Jenny thought we would use student organizations where students would call homes asking for donations to the Foundation. She thought Sunday evenings in February would be a good time. Jenny would also be willing to head this up. Linda Hovland did suggest that we possibly expand this and not only ask for dollars for scholarships, but also towards updating the school facility. There was some discussion on this, but the consensus was that this calling campaign would remain only for scholarships at this time. It was also suggested that Jenny check into an organization that may match funds. A motion was made by Robin and seconded by Lisa Lawston to create a scholarship fund drive, motion was approved.

2014 Fundraising event – now called Tri-City Challenge

Special guest, Scott Ledebuhr presented an updated presentation on the Tri-City Triathlon and the progress that has been made towards planning this event.

- Rushford Community Foundation is in favor of this event and is on board to assist with the planning, so proceeds will be split between RCF and Foundation for RP Schools;
- It was confirmed that Ferndale will host the event;
- Brad Hoiness has made contact with Kristin Ostrem, who is interested in helping with advertising the event. He also contacted Todd Mitchell, who works at Winona Health and is affiliated with Live Well Winona, <http://www.livewellwinona.org/>. He will help determine a date for the event that will not conflict with other events going on in the area. He would also be willing to help advertise through the connections he has made;
- A tentative date of Oct. 4, 2014 was proposed, but will be confirmed in the upcoming month;
- It was proposed to have a "Conquer the Bluff" walk/run to occur the night before the 3-event challenge, with a spaghetti supper at the Mill after;
- Other proposed details of the event are in the attached presentation.

As suggested by Todd Mitchell from Winona Health, Alan came up with a new name for the event, the Tri-City Challenge. The other board supported this new name as well. The name of the event was officially changed to the **Tri-City Challenge**.

It was suggested that we come up with a logo for advertising the event. Robin will work on creating this and present back to the group for approval.

Roger suggested checking into the feasibility of advertising the Foundation and Foundation events at local sporting events, either through announcements, handing out of flyers, or on the team roster sheets. Lisa Lawston will check into the possibility of doing this.

A list of the following Tri-City Challenge sub-committees was presented and volunteers assigned:

- Online web signup – Robin Honken
- Ferndale coordination – Brad Hoiness, Lisa Ledebuhr, Kristin Ostrem
- Run/Bike/Golf – Scott and Lisa Ledebuhr, Mike and Robin Honken
- Shuttle System – Chuck Ehler
- Sponsorships (including donations for business name on back of event t-shirt)–
- Event Timing – Gary Wade
- Advertising – Robin Honken, Brad Hoiness, Kristin Ostrem
- Event packets –
- Conquer the Bluff – Duane Koenen and Mike Honken
- Event expenses – Scott Ledebuhr and Roger Metz
- Event Awards – Scott Ledebuhr
- Event food (Spaghetti meal, lunch, snacks for participants) – Jenny Helgemoe and Lisa Lawston

Lisa Ledebuhr meets with RCF on November 1st and will get volunteers from RCF for the sub-committees as well.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm

Next meeting will be Friday, November 8th at noon in upper library.