

Foundation for Rushford –Peterson School Meeting Minutes

Friday February 1st, 2013 12:00pm R-P school upper library

Present: Robin Honken, Lisa Lawston, Lisa Ledebuhr, Chuck Ehler, Jenny Helgemoe, Alan Lipowitz, Brad Hoiness, Lucille Peterson

Absent: Dale Evavold, Roger Metz, Dwayne Ostrem, Greg Smith

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 by President Lisa Ledebuhr

- Review and approval of December and January meeting minutes
 - We will do this next month, as Lisa hadn't received the minutes yet to review
- Foundation Name Change
 - Has now been formalized in existing documentation. We are officially Foundation for Rushford-Peterson Schools.
- Declaration signing with SMIF: finalize documentation
 - Lisa will check on the language in the document that states "anyone can be relieved of their duties for any reason"
- Capital Campaign for New School
 - The consensus is this would not be part of Foundation for RP Schools at this point. Lisa will talk to RCF to see if they may have interest in this, but it is doubtful. If not, we will check other avenues, such as State Bank.
- Scholarships update
 - Jenny has been calling those who provide RP Scholarship and talking to them about moving money from RCF to this foundation.
 - Because there was about \$450 received to this foundation for scholarships through "Give Back" program, discussion was had about offering a \$250 scholarship this spring to an eligible senior. The thought was it would be a good PR move for us. There were ideas about the criteria to use for this scholarship, such as community service, financial need or a response to an essay. There could be a question about "what you would do if....." that students would need

to answer to apply for this scholarship. Jenny will mock up an application and bring it to the next meeting. If we can get our website up before applications are requested, we could do an online application.

- Rushford –Peterson School Foundation website update
Grant submitted to RCF to cover payment of WSU web designer
 - \$500 grant submitted, will be requested in one lump sum. The board members liked the logo and design of the site. The logo will be adjusted so that water flows under the bridge.
 - Website domain name will be foundationr-pschools.org
- Update on executive directorship for RCF/RPSF
Chamber of Commerce looking at bringing someone on: paid position
 - Chamber of Commerce hired Tara Hermanson. Lisa will talk to them about the potential of sharing.

There was also discussion on the press release and potential of doing an informational mailing with donor cards once the website is up and press release done. We need to create categories for donations such as scholarship, general fund, memorial gift, etc.

Lisa Lawston will check with Gary Hoff about listing our Foundation with the local funeral homes as a selection for memorial gifts.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00