



# FOUNDATION

FOR

## RUSHFORD-PETERSON SCHOOLS

### **Foundation for Rushford –Peterson Schools Minutes**

**Friday Sept 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 12:00pm R-P school upper library**

Present - Lisa L, Jenny H, Linda Hovland, Lu Peterson, Roger Metz, chuck Ehler, Brad Hoiness, Alan Lipowitz, Robin H

Not present- Dale Evavold, Greg Smith, Lisa Lawston

Treasurer's report – Roger reported our current balance is \$2,610.

Smith Farms – donated \$5,000.00 to the endowment fund. We will get a picture at the next meeting of Greg with a copy of the check.

Linda Hovland came to meeting, would like to join the foundation. She has been prompted to join by the negativity going around due the facilities issue. She provided many statistics about financial well-being and tax impact for those in Fillmore County and even nationally to show that it would be tough to ask for a tax increase at this time. She also provided answers to questions she asked of seven teachers regarding the facilities. She would like the foundation's mission to include raising money for a new school, maintaining the current facilities, allowing people to donate time towards, etc. Linda is willing to donate her time to help the foundation.

Lisa L needs to talk to SMIF about what funds raised thru the foundation can be used for. Can we run a capital campaign?

Discussion was had supporting the idea of possibly moving in the direction of a capital campaign, but concern expressed about changing the mission. Roger Metz stated that we do not want the community to think this foundation was only created to get a new school. This statement was agreed upon by other members. The purpose of this foundation is to impact students directly, and that should remain primary purpose, but not discourage planned giving, or giving towards facilities.

A thank you was received from Amy Todd - scholarship recipient.

Website update - continue to update front page with updated news.

Linda H wondered if we could have an article in the paper after every meeting with the minutes, so those who don't view websites could see. She also mentioned same for future facilities committee. This will need to be brought up at the Future Facilities Committee meeting.

Update on triathlon - need some sub- committees created.

Web sign up and advertising - need soon - Robin

Ferndale - need soon

Run, golf, bike committee

Shuttle system committee - Mr. Ehler will take this on and allow use of the 10 passenger vans

Area business involvement committee

Timing committee

Packet committee

Volunteers committee

Need to make sure the communities of Peterson, Village and Rushford are included.

Brad Hoiness stated that Kristin Ostrem would be interested in helping with advertisement and maybe other areas. He will talk to her.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm

Next meeting will be Friday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 in upper library