



# FOUNDATION

FOR

## RUSHFORD-PETERSON SCHOOLS

### Foundation for Rushford –Peterson Schools Minutes

Friday December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 12:00 pm R-P school upper library

**Present:** Lisa Lawston, Lisa Ledebuhr, Chuck Ehler, Angela Colbenson, Jenny Helgemoe, Robin Honken

**Not present:** Dale Evavold, Roger Metz

- **PIE Discussion** - Sue Hoff attended as the Partner's in Education (PIE) President. PIE began in 2002 as a way to fill in funding gaps for educational programs. PIE's primary funding mechanism is through \$500 mini-grants provided to teachers who apply. To date, PIE has funded over \$100,000 in additional education programs through this process. Chip Shoppe is their big fundraiser for the year. We discussed ways that the Foundation can expand beyond scholarships without duplicating what PIE is already doing. We discussed various options with nothing formal decided yet:
  - Provide funding for sophomore DC trip, as no fundraising for that trip.
  - Provide funding to those students in need who could otherwise not afford class trips, driver's Ed., etc. We would need to be careful about how we go about setting this up, and talked about an expectation of earning funds through community service, etc.
  - We talked about getting more information from other sources before we move further on this.
- **Meeting minutes** from Nov 7<sup>th</sup> meeting – Motion by Lisa Lawston, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenny H, approved.
- **Bills/Invoices** from Tri-City Challenge. Motion by Brad, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Angela to approve payment of the below bills. Motion approved.

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| 1. Lisa Ledebuhr     | \$100 for DJ Dewey |
| 720 Trisdahl Court   |                    |
| Rushford, MN 55971   |                    |
| 2. Tri-County Record | \$87.50 for ad     |
| PO Box 429           |                    |
| Rushford, MN 55971   |                    |

- **Treasurer's Report** – Roger was not in attendance, but provided Lisa with a total. Balance is \$27,366.52. We have not received any Give to the Max Funds yet, Lisa Lawston was going to check with Jen Hengel on that.
- **Scholarship Fund Drive** – We set 2015 dates for this event on Sat., Feb 7 from 9 am – noon and Sun., Feb 8 from 2 pm – 5 pm. National Honor Society students will once again be asked to participate by soliciting donations to the Foundation over the phone. We will target K – 9 parents.
- **Next year's Tri-City Challenge** – Set Tri-City Challenge dates for next year (2015). Conquer the Bluff will occur on Thursday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> (due to home football game that night) and the Challenge on Saturday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. Talked about coordinating with the Spanish club for food at the football game, rather than having a pasta meal at Hoiland Mill. We will advertise the Foundation at the concession stand.
- **Other Business** – Mr. Ehler mentioned that he has been getting some interest shown by individuals in possibly donating some money towards our new school project. The Board Members were favorable to opening up our foundation to capital giving, but want to put some thought into how to do this. We will discuss at our next meeting after researching some options.
- **Next meeting:** Friday, January 9, 2105 at 9 am in HS library