

## Foundation for Rushford-Peterson Schools Meeting Minutes Friday, February 3, 2017 | 9:00am | R-P School Upper Library

Announcements/Roll call - Chair Ledebuhr presided.

Present: Lisa Lawston, Chuck Ehler, Brad Hoiness, John Linder, Sally Ryman, Joyce Iverson, Lisa Ledebuhr,

Claire Olstad, Jenny Helgemoe, Lisa Lawston,

Not Present: Robin Honken

**Approval of previous meeting minutes:** Motion by Linder, second by Helgemoe, to approve minutes from January 6, 2017. *Motion carried.* 

Bills: Moved by Hoiness, seconded by Iverson, to approve paying the following invoice. Motion carried.

 Wonderink Printing Inc., PO Box 371, Rushford, MN 55971 - \$88.00 for 500 Foundation envelopes and 500 return address envelopes. They will be used primarily for the Scholarship Fund Drive mailings and the Fall Feast invitations.

**Financial Report:** Moved by Lawston, seconded by Helgemoe to approve the financial reports. *Motion carried.* Moved by Hoiness, seconded by Lawston, to leave \$2,500 in the Tri-City Challenge Fund and move the remaining amount in that fund to the General Fund. *Motion Carried.* 

**New Board Member Discussion**: Moved by Iverson, seconded by Olstad, to approve Kathy Wade as a new director beginning at the next meeting, March 3. Motion carried.

Jameson Scholarship Discussion: The family of Lila and Merlin Jameson are interested in setting up a scholarship fund. Merlin was a long-time school board member. Ehler said in preliminary discussions the family would require student applicants to get a letter of recommendation from someone telling how the student made a difference with their community service. Tentative arrangements would be for a \$1000 scholarship, and the student could reapply each year they are continuing their education. Jameson's would fund two scholarships for ten years. Ehler will confirm the details for the next Foundation meeting.

**Naming Rights and Donor Wall Policies**: Discussion was deferred until the subcommittee meets again and returns with a report.

**Scholarship Fund Drive**: Students will make calls to parents in grades K-12 and send emails to staff and the school board on Saturday, February 18, from 9-11:30 a.m. soliciting pledges to the Foundation. Helgemoe and Ledebuhr will supervise and assist. They'll post a video on the Foundation Facebook page.

Scholarship Application Review: At least one student has downloaded the application from the website and began working on it, so we will keep it the same for this year and look at rewording it next year, possibly something like "What did you do to make a difference in the community?" Helgemoe will revise the cover page to include who can apply – currently enrolled R-P seniors scheduled to graduate May 2017. Only the essay will be printed for board review to make it as blind of a selection process as possible. Moved by Iverson, seconded by Ryman to award six \$500 in 2017 and establish a goal of annually awarding scholarships based on 10% of the graduating class size. Motion carried.

Next meeting: March 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the High School Library