



FOUNDATION
FOR
RUSHFORD-PETERSON SCHOOLS

**Foundation for Rushford-Peterson Schools Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 5, 2017 | 8:00am | R-P School Upper Library**

Announcements/Roll call - Chair Ledebuhr presided.

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

Not Present: Robin Honken, Kathy Wade, Claire Olstad

Student Representatives: Hannah Ledebuhr and Matt Strapp were introduced. They will be liaisons between the school and foundation, especially for the Bluff Land Tri by encouraging students and teachers to participate and/or promote it.

Minutes: Moved by Iverson, 2nd by Lawston to approved the April 7, 2017 minutes. Motion Carried. Following the meeting, Iverson noted that the April minutes should have stated the BLT start time will be later than in the past, not earlier.

Financial Report: Jen Hengel presented the quarterly financial report, which was accepted without any changes. At the end of the first quarter (March 31, 2017) the balance on hand was \$69,572.44.

Bills to Pay: Moved by Linder, 2nd by Hoiness to approve the two payments listed below. Motion Carried.

1. \$79 – scholarship drive ad - Bluff Country Newspaper Group, PO Box 27, Preston, MN 55965-0027
2. \$129.22 – financial recordkeeping – RP Valley Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 338, Rushford, MN 55971

Deposits: Checks were received for the bleacher school enhancement sub-fund, the new Jameson scholarship sub-fund, and several scholarship drive donations.

Bluff Land Tri Update: The run/bike/hike triathlon is scheduled for Saturday, October 14. Check-in will start at 9:30 a.m. at Creekside Park. The race will start at 10:30 a.m. Medals and lunch will follow at Magelssen Bluff, or in case of rain at the new school.

When telling people about the BLT, emphasize that prices were lowered, it is starting later, and proceeds go mostly to scholarships. There won't be a separate Challenge the Bluff event. Check out the new Facebook page, post to it, and share it widely. Also, promote team challenges between classes or grades. L. Ledebuhr will be discussing a t-shirt design contest with art teachers. She will coordinate with Mr. Timm to briefly meet with staff before school ends to ask for their assistance in promoting the BLT.

H. Ledebuhr and Strapp will put up flyers, establish sub-committee of students, enlist teachers to help promote the BLT, and generally get word out to students before the school year ends.

L. Ledebuhr reviewed a draft schedule of duties/tasks, summarized in the table below and asked for help securing sponsors.

May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure sponsors • Reserve/notify city (park), police, DNR (trail) • Distribute flyers • Build school awareness • Update Active.com and Facebook page • Communicate with Steve Myhro and give Rochester groups info • Advertising 	August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage • Registration packets
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertising • Finalize sponsors • Determine exact bike and run route • Volunteers – band at top of Magelssen, choir for National Anthem at Creekside, spectators to cheer, route markers, bike watchers 	September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build school awareness and participation – pep rally at school for event/team challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Juniors vs. seniors ○ Freshmen vs. sophomores ○ Sports teams vs. other sports teams ○ Speech/drama vs. band/choir • Encourage community challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fire fighters vs. police
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book DJ • Advertising • Order shirts • Order box lunches from IGA • Finish/start line decorations 	October	

Update on Naming Rights Policy: Ehler reported the subcommittee met and is holding off on any recommendations to the school board about donor recognition or naming rights. Ehler would like to let public know about enhancement opportunities. Linder noted the school board needs to discuss these issues and ensure it is transparent for the public. The foundation can use its current classrooms and facilities donations policy to accept donations for bleacher enhancements, benches, music equipment enhancements, etc., although we might need additional guidelines to the part of policy dealing with recognition, maybe have plaque size/style image to show school board.

Angel Fund: Ehler noted funds (\$50) may be provided for a student to go to Eagle Bluff. If that comes to fruition, the foundation board will need board action at the June meeting to reimburse the school.

Recap of Scholarship Fund Drive: Another donation came in today as a result of the student fund drive that included calling K-12 parents, public announcement in paper, and an email and Facebook push. The students did a great job, and donations are up from last year with around \$1500 received so far.

Jameson Scholarship: This scholarship will be awarded for the first time this year and announced at the May 17 awards event. The public (teachers and others) nominated seniors they witnessed making a difference in someone’s life. There was an article in the paper and announcements to teachers to encourage nominations. Nominated students could choose to apply, which required an essay on how they made a difference in people’s lives. The Jamesons selected the recipient who will get \$1000 for their first year in college; they can reapply for \$1000 for their junior year in college. The Jamesons are looking for a continuation of what the student has done with community involvement during college.

The yearly contribution/distribution amounts need to be clarified by the Jamesons for SMIF records. Helgemoe will contact the Jamesons.

Next meeting: Friday, June 9, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the High School Library