



FOUNDATION FOR RUSHFORD-PETERSON SCHOOLS

Foundation for Rushford-Peterson Schools Meeting Minutes Friday, March 2, 2018 | 8:00am | Administrative Meeting Room

Present:, Chuck Ehler, Sally Ryman, Claire Olstad, Kathy Wade, Joyce Iverson, Jen Hengel, Hannah Ledebuhr, Donna Boyum, Jenny Helgemoe, John Linder, Jo Anne Agrimson, Jack Culhane

Not Present: Matt Strapp, Lisa Lawston

Chairman Sally Ryman opened the March meeting at 8 a.m. and asked for approval of the agenda.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by June Vitse, seconded by Jon Linder, to approve the agenda with the addition of Thrivent Financial information by Chuck Ehler. Motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Chuck Ehler made the motion, Donna Boyum seconded, to approve the February 2 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Bills to Pay: At the time of the meeting, there are no new bills to pay. An invoice from Bluff Country Newspaper Group was received the day after the meeting. The board was asked to email their approval to pay the \$79 for the scholarship fundraiser drive ad in the Tri-County Record, and the following directors emailed their approval to pay: Agrimson, Linder, Ehler, Helgemoe, Lawston, Culhane, Iverson, Vitse, Olstad, and Boyum. Motion carried.

Deposits:

\$300 to the Mitch Thompson named scholarship; \$100 to the Michael Reinhart named scholarship; \$215 in checks for the general scholarship drive.

\$650 checks were also given, designated specifically for trade scholarships.

The scholarship fund drive ends today; the total will be reported at the next meeting.

The drive was held; 27 letters were sent to those who responded positively.

Thrivent Financial: Chuck Ehler contacted Thrivent Agent Steve Halvorson to create the opportunity for Thrivent members to designate their Choice Dollars, or dividends, to the R-P Foundation annually.

Scholarship Application Review: Applications are due March 23. The board will review applications April 6, when six students will be chosen to receive scholarships. The students' names will be redacted; applications will be identified by numbers, which will be recorded by Jenny Helgemoe. The committee will not know which application belongs to which student until after the committee has made its choices based upon the applications themselves.

Chairman Ryman added that we have a high number of scholarships available for the number of students here: this year's graduating class consists of 47 seniors and we will be awarding six general scholarships and five named scholarships. It is feasible that over 20% of the class will get a

scholarship, double the goal of 10%. That doesn't include the Trade School Scholarships a subcommittee is working on.

Trade School Scholarship: Jack Culhane, Clair Olstad, Jenny Helgemoe, Sally Ryman, and Chuck Ehler are on this subcommittee. The members asked for \$125 from four businesses for a total of \$500 scholarship from seven trade groups in the Rushford-Peterson area. These scholarships will solely go toward a student who is attending a trade school. Jack has had 100% success on those whom he contacted. Other members reported some successes also. Jenny wondered whether the number of cosmetologists in the area would mean that each salon would be asked for less money toward the scholarship. Chuck suggested that any amount above the \$500 would split the scholarship: if \$700 were given, two \$350 scholarships could be offered.

More discussion was held regarding the intent of the scholarships: if the automotive dealers gave a scholarship, will it solely go toward that particular trade? The Foundation intends to match the student with that particular trade's scholarship if there is a student applicant who intends to pursue that trade (i.e. an agriculture student would be considered for the dairy/ag scholarship; an automotive student would be considered for the automotive scholarship); however, the goal is to focus on trade school education and to award the scholarships to deserving students who intend to attend a trade school.

Bluff Land Tri and Fall Feast: Lisa Ledebuhr, Kathy Wade and June Vitse met. They are suggesting that we vote to purchase Gopher Events at a \$750 base price; this requires a \$100 deposit. June has secured the park, including pavilions for the BLT. Jen and Gary checked on the route to create a need for only one timing station.

Jo Anne also mentioned that funds may be applied for through Thrivent Action Teams. Each of the applications could mean \$250 or more seed money for the fund-raisers.

Kathy asked for volunteers to help their committee. Jo Anne, Joyce, & Sally offered to help.

Kathy also would like to have one sophomore and one junior to help so that they could gain experience for another year and then, in future years, there would be experienced students helping teach those who are new to the BLT.

Another idea is to have a young children's event on the track itself. This would include kindergarten through 4th grade who would go through a series of fun events.

Lisa suggested getting a flyer ready and out soon. Sally mentioned we needed to have all information about chip timing prior to the flyer and also to switch the online registration from Active to Tempo.

Chuck moved, Joyce seconded to go with Gopher events and pay the \$100 deposit. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Chuck Ehler moved; Jo Anne Agrimson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

NEXT MEETING – FRIDAY, APRIL 6 AT 8:00AM