



FOUNDATION FOR RUSHFORD-PETERSON SCHOOLS

Board Meeting

March 1, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. | R-P School Administrative Meeting Room

Present: Chuck Ehler, Sally Ryman, Rick Buchanan, Jack Culhane, John Linder, Jo Anne Agrimson, Joyce Iverson, Kathy Wade, June Vitse, Claire Olstad, Brenda Tesch, Emily Didier. Jenny Helgemoe arrived soon after the meeting began.

Not Present: Donna Boyum, Jen Hengel, Lisa Lawston.

The meeting was called to order by President Ryman at 8:03 a.m.

Approval of agenda. Motion to approve by Chuck Ehler; Seconded by June Vitse. Approved.

Approval of minutes from February 1, 2019, meeting. Moved by Joyce Iverson; Seconded by Chuck Ehler to approve the minutes. Approved.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer's report: The Foundation received \$120 in donations in memory of Rod Anderson, added to the General Fund revenue for this quarter. Also, scholarships totaling \$2,000 were paid from the Named Scholarship Fund (Mitch Thompson Memorial at \$1,000 and Jameson at \$1,000).

Chairman Ryan received checks prior to the meeting totaling \$1,275 - \$1,000 for the Evenson memorial scholarship, \$125 for a trade scholarship, and three \$50 checks in memory of Roger Metz.

Bills to Pay: Chair Ryman suggested the foundation become a member of the Rushford Peterson Valley Chamber with annual membership of \$35.00. The board was asked to reimburse Sally Ryman for the foundation's PO Box which cost \$60.00. Kathy Wade made a motion to pay both bills and join the Chamber. June Vitse seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Trade scholarship: Jack Culhane and Claire Olstad reported positive responses with all of the businesses they contacted, though one business had closed. Jenny Helgemoe has reached out to new businesses in addition to the salons who contributed last year. Chuck Ehler has his mailers ready to go out to the assigned businesses. Chairman Ryman has contacted the agricultural businesses she was assigned but hadn't heard back from them yet. We are asking for business commitments ASAP and checks by May 1.

News reporter Kristin Burdey is working on an article about the foundation with a special focus on trade scholarships.

Annual Winter/Spring Fundraiser: Sally will have a report at April's meeting.

BLT August 17 Update & Junior BLT July 21 Update: Kathy Wade reported on the meeting the committee held in February. Tempo and Gopher are ready to go after they have changed the BLT options: participants will either complete the entire race or will be a part of a team relay rather than opting to complete only a portion of the BLT.

The Junior BLT will be joining up with the Rushford Days to make it a bigger, better event. The events will be held at the festival's grounds this year.

Website: Robin Honken will no longer be editing the website because we'll be using WordPress. Sally Ryman, Jen Hengel and Michelle from SMG will be editing the site.

Chairman Ryman asked for help with Facebook and hashtags for other social media and for automatic feeds from our new website. A suggestion was made to use #BLT. Jenny Helgemoe offered to take the lead on Facebook posts for the RP Foundation; Sally Ryman will help and Brenda Tesch offered to help. There is no rule on how often to post, but any newsworthy item deserves a post.

Brenda Tesch will take the lead on the Junior BLT Facebook posts. Sally asked Rick Buchanan and Emily Didier to take the lead at school for social media.

Jen Hengel and Sally Ryman will take the lead on paid advertising.

Scholarship Review - General and trade scholarship applications are due March 22, and much of the April 5 meeting will be devoted to reviewing scholarship applications.

Jenny Helgemoe has posted the scholarship information and will be reminding students to complete the scholarship forms.

Jo Anne Agrimson mentioned to Jenny Helgemoe, Emily Didier and Ricky Buchanan that their teachers could help with scholarship applications—even retired teachers may be willing to help.

Roger Metz Tribute - Chuck Ehler stated that he had been given the opportunity to publicly thank the Metz family at Roger Metz's funeral for Roger's vital part in the formation of the Foundation for Rushford-Peterson Schools.

Financial Report Question - Chuck also asked about the undesignated funds. Sally Ryman said that those dollars are part of the general fund and intended for foundation expenses such as the PO Boxes and the website.

Chuck Ehler suggested that he should visit with the Konetchy family to close out their scholarship fund this year because the scholarship has not been given in the past 2-3 years. The board agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.