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Rushford-Peterson Foundation Meeting
April 5, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. | R-P School Administrative Meeting Room

Announcements/Roll call - Chair Ryman presided.

Present: Sally Ryman, Kathy Wade, Jen Hengel, Donna Boyum, Jack Culhane, John Linder, June Vitse, Jo Anne Agrimson, Joyce Iverson, Claire Olstad, Chuck Ehler.

Not Present: Brenda Tesch, Lisa Lawston, Rick Buchanan, Emily Didier, Jenny Helgemoe.

The meeting was called to order by President Ryman at 8:02 a.m.

Approval of agenda: Moved by Kathy Wade to approve the agenda; seconded by Donna Boyum. Approved.

Approval of minutes: Moved by Chuck Ehler to approve the minutes from March 1, 2019; seconded by Clair Olstad. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jen Hengel gave the treasurer's report, noting that first quarter interest would be reported at May's meeting.

General Fund - First quarter includes \$100 donation to the Angel Fund, \$120 donations in memory of Rod Anderson, \$150 donations in memory of Roger Metz, \$763 contribution to Angel Fund from vintage school uniform sales. Second quarter donations are \$430 in memory of Roger Metz.

Scholarship Fund - First quarter revenue includes Trade/Tech Scholarship donations of \$125 each from Laurie & Chris Hammell, L&L Volkman Auto Body Repair, Brown Tire & Battery, and Smith Farms. Second quarter donations for Trade/Tech Scholarships were \$250 donation from Jeff & Shari Michel, \$125 each from Anderson Auto, Connaughty Sales, and New Beginnings Salon owners. A \$125 donation from Rushford Manufacturing also arrived in the mail this week but has not been sent to SMIF and is not included in the above figures. Board members will follow up with those who haven't sent their checks in yet to ensure we have the funds to pay the scholarships.

Named Scholarship Fund - First quarter revenue was \$250 donation for the Michael Reinhardt Scholarship and \$1,000 for the Merle & Bette Evenson Scholarship.

Bills to Pay: A bill is due to the Chamber for quarterly contract (Jan. 1-March 31) for Jen Hengel's services: \$157.25. Moved by Kathy Wade; seconded by Joyce Iverson to pay the quarterly contract.

Donations: \$763 came from R-P Schools for the sale of "vintage" uniforms; those that did not sell were donated to Grace Place. Donations for scholarships are also in the treasurer's report.

Moved by John Linder, seconded by June Vitse to accept the treasurer's report.

Scholarships: Discussion was held about the lack of applicants for the automotive scholarship. Joyce Iverson asked about the promotion of the donors who may be looking to employ or intern at any of the donors' businesses. Jack Culhane would like to visit each of the automotive trade scholarship donors to see whether they would consider banking the scholarship to move it forward before we decide what to do with their donation.

College scholarships & Trade scholarships: Numbered applications—with no student names—were ranked by board members prior to the meeting.

At 8:25, Chuck Ehler asked for a 5-minute recess so he could make important intercom announcements.

College scholarships & Trade Scholarships continued: Jo Anne Agrimson made a motion that we fund 5 trade scholarships and 11 college scholarships and convey the application numbers to Jenny Helgemoe. Chuck Ehler seconded the motion. Approved.

Joyce Iverson asked about the dental hygienist application: would that be a "category." Discussion was held that a general trade scholarship may be considered a category. The goal is to have the trade scholarships go to the trades who sponsor those scholarships. Possibly the board could sponsor a general trade scholarship that could go for any trade that is not sponsored. Sally Ryman suggested we discuss this in September.

The automotive scholarship donors will be asked how they would like to handle their scholarship; however, they will be recognized as trade scholarship sponsors this year regardless of whether their scholarship is awarded or rolled over to 2020.

Consideration of R-P Foundation Student Service Award: The members spoke highly of Emily Didier as the student representative who is a senior. Jack Culhane made the motion to award Emily the Student Service scholarship. Donna Boyum seconded the motion. Approved.

Annual Spring Fundraiser: The Every Door Direct Peterson and Rushford mailer will be reported on next month.

Bluff Land Tri, August 17:

The committee meets with Jake Timm this morning and will have a detailed report next month. One change in advertising will be to do signs all over town rather than so many posters.

Final comment by Chuck Ehler to commend us for funding so many scholarships!

Motion made to adjourn by Chuck Ehler; seconded by Clair Olstad. Meeting adjourned at 8:59.