



FOUNDATION
FOR
RUSHFORD-PETERSON SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2020 | 8:00 a.m.

In Attendance: Sally Ryman, Aaron Prinsen, Jen Hengel, Joyce Iverson, Jack Culhane, Jo Anne Agrimson, Kathy Wade, Donna Boyum, Aaron Prinsen, June Vitse, BrendaTesch, Claire Olstad, Hannah Linder, John Linder, Jenny Helgemoe. John Thompson arrived at 8:10. **Absent:** Lisa Lawston

President Ryman called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Agenda: Motion made by Iverson; seconded by Olstad to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

RINTek (Rushford Institute for Nanotechnology) Acting Chair Charla Miertschin shared that part of RINTek’s mission was to educate the public. As they end their 17-year old organization, they dispersed a check for \$656.25 to the Foundation. The money will go in the general fund.

Minutes: Motion made by Culhane, seconded by Linder, to approve the minutes from the July 10 (in person) meeting and August 3, 9, and 19 (email) meetings. Motion passed.

Ryman read a thank you from Kaleah Davis for the scholarship awarded her this spring.

Financial Treasurer’s Report: Interest has been applied, so numbers are accurate as our fiscal year ended June 30. Motion made by Iverson, seconded by Boyum, to approve the financial report. Motion passed. Fund balances as of September 4:

General	\$ 6,389.00
Bluff Land Tri	\$ 6,841.39
Scholarship	\$ 8,166.88
Named Scholarships	\$20,879.34
<u>Endowment</u>	<u>\$44,208.06</u>
Total	\$86,484.67

Bills and Angel Fund: There were no bills to pay and no requests for the Angel Fund.

BLT: The Bluff Land Triathlon was held Saturday, August 15, 2020. We dealt with COVID this year, which was new, but BLT Chair Tesch commented that so much of the infrastructure has already been created, such as a Facebook page, chip timing, registration, etc., so the prior committees deserve credit for paving the way for our successful fundraiser. Net revenue was \$4,340.68.

Online registration was a success; we will continue to do so. This year’s 65 entries were nearly double last year’s. About half the participants were from out of town, which we can continue to build on for

2021. We began heavily promoting the race in June because we waited to gain understanding of the pandemic. Our event was the first event the chip timing company had since March due to COVID.

49 people (some of the 65 entries were families) were sent a survey; 28 completed it, which is a terrific 57% return. High marks were given to BLT volunteers for helpfulness and encouragement. We tried to cater to both the seasoned racer as well as those who participated with less interest in the competitive aspect.

We will fine-tune things to include more promotion of the event, which will be held August 21, 2021, the third Saturday in August.

The Jr. BLT is probably off the schedule for 2020.

Fall Feast or Fall Fundraiser

In the past four years, we have averaged \$1,715 for this fundraiser; last year we raised \$1,692, the majority from donations rather than participants. Earlier this year we discussed sending a fundraising letter instead of a dinner.

Hengel suggested a mailing to our past donor list and include an annual report and an envelope for donations. The annual report could include the photos of scholarship recipients. Ryman asked for volunteers to help with this fundraiser. Agrimson and Wade volunteered. Agrimson will write the cover letter; Ryman and Wade will work on the annual report. Hengel will send the donor list. We will aim to have the mailing out by October 1.

Hengel mentioned trying to reach alumni through a GoFundMe page or some other web-based platform. Ryman mentioned directing people to our website's donation page. We will discuss this more at our October meeting with the intention of launching it after the election.

Next meeting

Friday, October 2 @ 8am. Since the school's COVID rules will preclude meeting at the school, Ryman will see if either Root River Church or Montini Hall is available. If not, Tesch will schedule a virtual meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Vitse; seconded by Iverson. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.