



FOUNDATION
FOR
RUSHFORD-PETERSON SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2021 | 8:00 a.m. | Forum Room, RP School

Call to Order: President Joyce Iverson called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. She welcomed Brielle Rasmussen as the new student representative.

Attendance: Donna Boyum, June Vitse, Joyce Iverson, Claire Olstad, Brielle Rasmussen, Jon Thompson, Jack Culhane, Jen Hengel and Jo Anne Agrimson.

Absent: Brenda Tesch, Amy Woxland, Jenny Helgemoe, Aaron Prinsen, Bonnie Prinsen and Lisa Lawston.

The board received a thank-you note from Calli Kingsley for her scholarship.

Approve Agenda: Motion by June Vitse, seconded by Donna Boyum, to approve the agenda with the bills to pay added. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Jack Culhane, seconded by Claire Olstad, to approve the minutes from July 9, 2021. Motion carried.

Financial Report: SMIF's most recent quarterly report was included and shows the interest accrued. The available amount that can be used from the endowment fund during the current fiscal year is \$4,367. The amount planned for payment from the endowment fund is \$2,000 for the Jameson scholarship. The \$20,000 donation for the Jameson scholarship was placed in the endowment to grow that fund. The interest accumulated in the endowment has been good the past couple years. The current quarter activity includes a donation receive in memory of Cheryl Kjos and designated for the Retired Teachers Scholarship, and a \$6,000 contribution by Steve Woxland to start the G.S. Woxland Memorial Scholarship next spring. Hengel reminded members that \$2862 of general fund is undesignated, and the rest is designated as the Angel Fund. Motion to approve the financial report by Jo Anne Agrimson; seconded by June Vitse. Motion carried.

Bills to Pay: The only bill to pay is a reimbursement to Brenda Tesch for Bluff Land Tri related purchases. \$69.63 for Facebook ads; \$66.52 for medals; and \$33.65 for water obstacle materials for the BLT Kids Challenge, for a total of \$169.80. Motion by Jack Culhane, seconded by Claire Olstad, to pay 169.80 to reimburse Brenda Tesch. Motion carried.

BLT Reports - Brenda Tesch wrote reports for the meeting:

- **Bluff Land Trojan Kids' Challenge - Saturday, July 17 at Creekside during Rushford Days:** The Bluff Land Trojan Kids' Challenge was held the Saturday of Rushford Days. Thanks to the Rushford Booster Club the obstacle course was set up for free instead of charging a fee. The kids ran, jumped hay bales, balanced on boards, weaved through cones, crawled under a net over a tarp while being sprinkled with water, skipped and then ran to the finish. The course was open from noon-1:30 and then at 1:30 races were held by age group. Awards were given to all kids who participated. Approximately 60 kids participated.
- The **Bluff Land Triathlon** has done something it's never done before. It closed registration over a month early upon receiving 100 entries. Six entries are for relays and the rest are individuals. The BLT committee limited the number to ensure the safety of participants since the participants go out and back on the same route. Last year the race drew the highest number of entries to date with 65. By limiting the number of entries to 100, the committee can see if there are things that should be changed/improved to allow more entries in the future. The t-shirts have been approved

and will be going to print soon. We received the participation medals last Friday. **People interested in volunteering at the event should contact Sally Ryman.**

- **Waiting List:** One person will be allowed to register because one person dropped out. A second person will come to the event in case someone does not show up. Amy will be in touch with the Gopher time-keepers to make this happen appropriately.
- **“Bib Awards”:** Amy Woxland is contacting Rushford and Peterson businesses so that after the BLT event, participants can show their bib number at those businesses and receive a free gift or discount of some kind. The list of the businesses will then be emailed to the BLT participants.
- Hengel noted the event could have several more participants based upon Facebook messages and emails. Vitse mentioned seeing how the event goes with 100 participants to plan for next year’s entry limit.

Trade Scholarships: Joyce Iverson suggested tabling the discussion on the definition for this scholarship since the key members who suggested changes are not in attendance. Motion by Donna Boyum, seconded by Jo Anne Agrimson, to table the discussion till next month. Motion carried.

Community Members: Duane Koenen has agreed to join the board. The Board will vote in October, and he would begin his term in November. Claire Olstad’s final meeting attendance will be in October.

Joyce Iverson noted the number of board members, including ex officio members, is a maximum of 12. This number does not include student representatives.

Motion by June Vitse, seconded by Jack Culhane to have the October meeting on October 8 rather than October 1. Motion carried.

Next meetings are scheduled for Friday September 10 and October 8 @ 8 a.m. at R-P School.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Donna Boyum, seconded by June Vitse. Motion carried, and meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Actions for SMIF:

\$169.80 payment to Brenda Tesch