



FOUNDATION
FOR
RUSHFORD-PETERSON SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2021 | 8:00 a.m. | Upper Commons, RP School

In Attendance: Donna Boyum, Jen Hengel, Jack Culhane, Joyce Iverson, Supt. Jon Thompson, Claire Olstad, Jo Anne Agrimson, Brenda Tesch, Jenny Helgemoe, Bonnie Prinsen, Aaron Prinsen and Amy Woxland

Absent: June Vitse, Brielle Rasmussen

President Joyce Iverson called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Brenda Tesch; seconded by Claire Olstad. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of August 6, 2021 by Donna Boyum; seconded by Jack Culhane. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Jen Hengel reported the only financial activity in the last month pertained to the Bluff Land Tri. Under "Current Quarter Activity" in the BLT fund, participant revenue of \$5,268.94, t-shirt revenue of \$170.00, and an expense of \$169.80 approved at the August meeting.

Motion by Claire Olstad, seconded by Bonnie Prinsen, to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

The following Bills to Pay were presented to the Board:

- B&S Rental – portable toilet: \$100.00
- Jay & Dee's Special T's LLC – T-shirts: \$531.95
- Brenda Tesch – ziplock bags, awards, safety vests, cones, cowbells, pink flags: \$429.12
- Amy Woxland – reimbursement for water: \$17.75
- Vix Drone Services – video footage: \$150.00
- Dawn Hauge – photography services: \$80.00
- Gopher State Events – race administration: \$1,118.66
- Angel Fund: Calculator for high school student - TI-84 Plus CE: \$114.99 and Community Ed dance class for elementary student: \$130

Motion by Jo Anne Agrimson, seconded by Donna Boyum, to approve the bills to be paid as presented. Motion carried.

Bluff Land Trojan Kids Challenge & BLT 2021, reported on by Brenda Tesch: The kids challenge was a success and will be held next year. For the BLT, we had the highest number of participants ever, so we limited the amount to 100 participants to prevent congestion and ensure a good race. We had 8 roll-over registrations for next year; we filled 7 of the 10 who cancelled. We had one no-show. 97 people participated. We also had the largest number of volunteers, at 56. Survey results showed that participants and volunteers enjoyed the race. Some suggestions included increasing the limit to 125 participants for 2022; 150 is considered the maximum for the space available. The third Saturday makes

August 20th the date for next year. Volunteers wore yellow vests and were equipped with cowbells to cheer on the participants.

Jack Culhane commented that the race was well-organized. He had been questioned as to whether the 2022 registration will be first come-first served or will past participants be given priority. The registration will be first come-first served.

Amy Woxland coordinated the Bib Awards, which gave discounts at local businesses for participants who could show their bib. This addition to the BLT was well received.

Trade Scholarships: We had tabled this discussion for two months. Members were provided copies of the Board's discussions on the definition of the trade scholarships. Jenny Helgemoe mentioned a growing trend to have apprenticeships and on-the-job training. The question is whether the apprenticeship programs have a cost, either applications or living expenses. Amy Woxland mentioned that Mayo has programs that are not technically considered trade schools but that would fit our intent.

Bonnie Prinsen mentioned that it may be easier to say what we don't want the scholarship to go to. Supt. Thompson said other schools have struggled with this topic as well. Jack Culhane agreed that the Foundation has last say in who qualifies for a trade scholarship. Jenny Helgemoe reviewed the multiple ways she puts forth information to both students and parents about the scholarships. The Trade Scholarships Committee was asked to write and bring to the October 8 meeting a Trade Scholarship description that states for what the scholarships are *not* intended, with the understanding that the Board of Directors has final say in scholarship decisions.

Next meeting is Claire Olstad's final meeting. Duane Koenen will replace him on the Board.

Rushford Community Foundation used its regular July meeting for its annual meeting. Joyce Iverson suggested we follow suit and simply have an annual meeting during our regular November meeting.

Motion to identify the November 5 meeting as the Foundation's annual meeting by Amy Woxland; seconded by Brenda Tesch. Motion carried.

Chair Joyce Iverson asked if we could meet at 7:30 a.m. in the future in order to avoid the interruptions from announcements. Members agreed. October's meeting will be at 7:30 a.m.

Next meetings are scheduled for these Fridays: October 8, November 5, December 3, 2021 @ 7:30 a.m. at R-P School.

Adjourn Motion to adjourn at 8:40 a.m. by Amy Woxland; seconded by Brenda Tesch. Motion carried.

Actions for SMIF:

Payments to the following:

B&S Rental – \$100.00

Jay & Dee's Special T's LLC – \$531.95

Brenda Tesch – \$429.12

Amy Woxland – \$17.75

Vix Drone Services – \$150.00

Dawn Hauge – \$80.00

Gopher State Events – \$1,118.66

R-P Schools – \$244.99