



FOUNDATION
FOR
RUSHFORD-PETERSON SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 5, 2024
Forum Room, RP School

Called to Order at 7:31 a.m. by President Iverson.

Attendance: Joyce Iverson, Brenda Tesch, Barb Zoelle-Johnson, Jake Dahl, Kenna Gudmundson, Duane Koenen, Nancy Snyder, Ryan Prinsen, Steve Oian, Ben Bernard, Jen Hengel
Absent: Jenny Helgemoe, Megan LaFleur

Regular Meeting Agenda: There were no changes to the proposed agenda. Motion to approve was made by Koenen, seconded by Oian. All in favor. Motion approved.

Minutes of February 9 meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Oian, seconded by Tesch. All in favor. Motion approved.

Student members opportunity to share information or ideas: Ryan Prinsen shared a synopsis of the Senior Class' recent trip to Texas. The report is that they had a wonderful time and that many good memories were made. A special shout out for fun was the time spent at the beach and going to Buc-ees Convenience Store. Reportedly Buc-ees is a destination unto itself.

Financial Report, Jen Hengel, Funds Coordinator:

Fund Summaries as of March 31, 2024:	
General Fund	\$ 8,481.28
Bluff Land Tri	\$ 3,467.86
Scholarship	\$ 13,895.46
Named Scholarships	\$ 26,099.20
Endowment Fund	\$ 57,642.16
	\$ 109,585.96

March is the end of the quarter, so updates for quarterly interest will be provided at next month's meeting. The General Fund received donations in memory of Paul Dvorak and Maynard Rustad. These donations were accepted with sincere thanks. Motion to accept the Financial Report as provided was made by Tesch, seconded by Dahl. All in favor. Motion approved.

Bills to Pay/ Angel Fund:

No Bills to pay this month.

Angel Fund Request: A request from R-P Counselor Jenny Helgemoe for (1) ACT Test Fee of \$25.00 and (2) a Track & Field Activity Fee of \$60.00. Motion by Koenen to approve both requests for a total of \$85.00, second by Snyder. All in favor. Motion approved.

2024 Events: Kids Challenge – July 20, 2024 (Rushford Days); BLT August 17, 2024

Funding Letter: The funding letters are complete and ready for mailing/delivery. A thank you to Sally Ryman for her work on completing the letters and assisting in delivery efforts. Letters were personalized for last year's donors and included the amount of their previous donation. Sally also compiled a list of past donors who have not contributed recently to the Foundation as these would be additional candidates to receive the current funding letter. The primary fundraising efforts of the Foundation are for business donations prior to the Bluff Land Triathlon and letters in the fall for individual donations. The current funding letter requests donations be submitted by April 30, 2024.

Bluff Land Trojan Kids Challenge: This year's event will be Saturday, July 20, 2024 (during Rushford Days). The obstacle course will be set up at Creekside Park between the ballfields with the event running from noon -1:30 pm. This is a free event and has historically been well attended. Volunteers make this event a success and the group welcomes new volunteers to join in.

Bluff Land Triathlon Update: Tesch reports that planning is well underway for this year's triathlon. The updates to the new logo design has a final draft that is ready for review. The planning group continues to welcome and encourage new volunteers to help with the triathlon.

Website Events Icon: There are updates being made to the Foundation's website. The site will have individual references to the Kids Challenge and the Bluff Land Triathlon.

Other Business: No new business.

The Student Representatives were excused and the remaining board members proceeded to review and determine the recipients of the 2024 Foundation for R-P Schools Scholarships of \$500.00 each. The 2024 Senior Class has 45 students. Seven (7) students submitted applications for Foundation scholarships. The membership reviewed the applications (names were redacted) and rank-ordered the applications. The membership was concerned about the small number of students who made application for this opportunity. Students are provided with information, support and time to complete the application. Parents are notified of the availability of the scholarships. This lack of participation was discussed at length. No conclusions resulted from this discussion. A motion was made by Koenen, seconded by Snyder to approve all seven (7) scholarship requests. All in favor. Motion approved.

An additional motion was made by Snyder, with a second from Dahl to approve the \$250.00 Community Service Award for Board Participation to Ryan Prinsen. All in favor. Motion approved.

Next Meeting: Friday, May 3, 2024; 7:30 am Forum Room at RP Schools

Proposed 2024 meeting dates going forward: June 7th, July 12th, August 9th, September 6/13th (to be confirmed), October 4th, and November 8th. The board has often not had a December meeting.

Adjourned at 7:59 a.m. on motion by Snyder, seconded by Oian. All in favor. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Zoelle-Johnson, Secretary

ACTIONS FOR SMIF:
Rushford-Peterson Schools - \$85.00 from the General Fund (#359)