



FOUNDATION
FOR
RUSHFORD-PETERSON SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 3, 2024
Forum Room, R-P School

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

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

Meeting Agenda: There were no changes to the proposed agenda. Motion to approve was made by Tesch, seconded by Snyder. All in Favor. Motion approved.

Minutes of April 5, 2024 meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Snyder, seconded by Oian. All in Favor. Motion approved

Student members opportunity to share information or ideas: No student news.

Financial Reports:

Fund Summaries as of May 3, 2024:

General Fund	\$ 8,450.93
Bluff Land Tri	\$ 3,491.91
Scholarship	\$ 17,870.97
Named Scholarships	\$ 26,288.50
Endowment Fund	\$ 60,735.79
	\$ 116,838.10

The financial report reflects updated figures for the quarter ending 03/31/2024 with interest shown in each fund category and with up-to-date additions made to the BLT/Scholarship categories. The financial report included a list of the 2024 BLT and Scholarship donations to-date. Since the printing of the donation list additional donations have been received from Rushford Foods (\$500.00); Rushford Chiropractic Clinic (\$250.00) and a check from the Rushford Lutheran Church Men's Group. BLT/scholarship contributions are recorded in the Scholarship Fund. A couple donors requested their donations go to Trade/Tech scholarships, so those are tracked separately. Today the Foundation membership discussed the scholarship programs. The scholarship program is made possible by individual, community, business and corporate donations to the Foundation, which manages these funds and awards scholarships to graduating seniors. The Foundation is identified to the student recipients as the source of the scholarships with acknowledgment and thanks to the donors who make such scholarships possible by their contributions. 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:

Bluff Land Triathlon: A request to pay \$125.00 to Kayla Thompson who completed the work on updating the BLT logo.

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Angel Fund Request: A request was made to the Foundation to assist with paying for snacks and materials for students attending summer school. The full request was \$702, the same amount requested in 2023. The thought was that the Angel Fund is meant for "financially disadvantaged students," so about half of the food expenses were covered for the summer school program in 2023.

Motion by Oian with a second from Snyder to approve the payment to Kayla Thompson and an Angel Fund payment of \$350 to R-P Schools. All in Favor. Motion approved.

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

April 30, 2024 was the named deadline date for donor contributions for the 2024 events scheduled. Donations have been coming in, and as of May 3 the committee is doing a tally of the funds received. Tesch reports that the final details regarding supplies, logistics and awards are being completed. The 2024 t-shirt design is in process and will be ready for review in June. Amy Woxland has developed the BLT web/registration site for the triathlon. The website has also been updated to include a separate Kids Challenge icon. Tesch said all 2024 events are generating good interest. The next event planning meeting is May 21, 2024.

End of School Year 2023/2024: Foundation Scholarships; Community Service Award

Ronald Kjos Scholarship: The Kjos scholarship is a named \$500.00 scholarship initiated in 2019. A named scholarship does not require Foundation Board approval. The Kjos scholarship is automatically awarded to the student with the highest GPA. In the event of a tie in GPA, Mr. Kjos said that both students should be awarded the full \$500 scholarship. This is the 4th year in the history of the Kjos scholarship that there has been a tie. Congratulations to this year's recipients.

Community Service Award: Congratulations to Ryan Prinsen, this year's recipient.

A thank you to Steve Oian for being the presenter for Senior Awards Night. Brenda Tesch said she is willing to come to take pictures of this year's scholarship recipients at the Seniors Award Night if there is an interest in her doing so. The Foundation membership accepts her offer with thanks.

New Business: No new business

Next Meeting: Next meeting (usually the 1st Friday of the month): June 7, 2024 at 7:30, Forum

Room. The date for the September meeting was discussed due to its proximity to the Labor Day holiday. Motion by Oian with a second from Snyder to confirm the September meeting date for September 6, 2024. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Proposed 2024 Meeting dates going forward: July 12, August 9, September 6, October 4, November 8. The Board has often not had a December meeting.

Adjourned: at 7:59 a.m. on motion by Prinsen, seconded Gudmundson. All in Favor. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Zoelle-Johnson, Secretary

ACTIONS FOR SMIF:

\$125.00 check to Kayla Thompson from the **Bluff Land Tri Fund (#01014)**

\$350.00 check to R-P Schools from the **General Fund (#359)**