



FOUNDATION
FOR
RUSHFORD-PETERSON SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 7, 2024
Forum Room, R-P School

Called to Order at 7:30 a.m. by President Joyce Iverson.

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

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

Minutes of May 3, 2024 meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Snyder, seconded by Bernard. All in favor. Motion approved.

Student members opportunity to share information or ideas: Gudmundson said she is recommending Will LaFleur as the Junior Class student representative on the Board. Motion by Helgemoe, seconded by Gudmundson, to appoint LaFleur as the next student representative. All in favor. Motion approved.

Financial Reports:

Fund Summaries as of June 6, 2024:

General Fund	\$ 8,100.93
Bluff Land Tri	\$ 3,366.91
Scholarship	\$ 19,120.97
Named Scholarships	\$ 26,674.50
Endowment Fund	<u>\$ 60,735.79</u>
	\$ 117,999.10

Hengel reported there was little activity over the past month. Expenses in the General Fund were two payments to R-P Schools for Angel Fund requests. Expense in the BLT Fund was a payment to Kayla Thompson for the logo design. All revenue in the Scholarship Fund this quarter is attributed to the BLT and scholarship sponsorships raised through the solicitation letter. Hengel noted she has another \$250 from Ferndale to be sent to SMIF for deposit to this fund. Revenue in the Named Scholarship Fund includes \$86 as gifts in memory of Dr. Ronald Kjos and a \$300 gift from Lance and Kathy Jameson designated to the Michael Reinhardt Memorial Scholarship. Hengel said she just received a \$500 check from Andrea Konetchy in memory of Dr. Ronald Kjos for deposit to that scholarship within the Scholarship Fund. There was no activity in the Endowment Fund. Motion to approve the financial report by Oian, seconded by Snyder. All in favor. Motion approved.

Bills to Pay/ Angel Fund: There were no bills or Angel Fund requests.

2024 Summer Events—BLT/Kids Challenge Committee, Chair Brenda Tesch: Iverson sent all board members the latest email update from this committee. (See update at the end of the minutes)

Foundation Scholarship Awards

2024 Scholarship Awards: The program from the Scholarship Awards Night was distributed to all board members, and those under the umbrella of the foundation were highlighted. It was noted that the Kinneberg Memorial Scholarship was not awarded this year, since there were no applicants. The scholarship is specified for a student pursuing a career in agriculture.

Pay It Forward Scholarship: This scholarship opportunity is new for the Class of 2025. The presentation that the Junior Class received at the end of this school year was attached to President Iverson's email for this meeting. Jovan and Michelle Willford and Jason and Erin DeGeorge are offering this scholarship. Jovan and Jason are graduates for R-P Schools. They approached Dr. Bernard and Jenny Helgemoe last summer with their idea. They will be offering a \$10,000 renewable scholarship, which may be available each year of the recipient's college career. Dr. Bernard explained they are looking for students who want to go after their dreams and challenge themselves and for whom this offer may allow them to shoot a little higher in terms of the university or college pursued. Helgemoe said there are eight students who are interested at this time. The process for selecting the final recipient will occur over the fall months and into the winter, and includes at least two interviews. She noted this is a competitive and awesome opportunity. Dr. Bernard said this opportunity may be available for the next four classes of R-P graduates. The Willfords and DeGeorges will give the Foundation for R-P Schools the funding each year, which will then be awarded to the recipient's university as is done with other scholarships.

Other Business: Helgemoe noted that Lauren Honken is going through an apprenticeship, and she is the recipient of both the Michael Reinhardt Memorial Scholarship and the Bruce Victor Bartelson Memorial Scholarship. Discussion ensued on how the cost of post-secondary education or training can look different for each student, and we should look to ways to help students with these costs. The scholarships are not paid to individuals due to IRS/tax reasons. Hengel will talk to Honken and her parents for more information and to determine if there is an entity to which the scholarship can be paid for the costs of her training. Hengel will also follow-up with SMIF, if necessary.

Next Meeting: July 12, 2024 (note: second Friday) at 7:30, Forum Room. Remaining 2024 meetings are August 9, September 6, October 4, November 8 (annual meeting).

Adjourned: Motion by Snyder, seconded by Gudmundson, to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jen Hengel in the absence of Secretary Zoelle-Johnson

BLT Committee Meeting, May 23, 2024, Updates follow as provided by email from Brenda Tesch:

- We have 26 registered participants.
- We reviewed the t-shirt mock-up; Brenda is waiting on a mock-up with some wording to signify it's the 10th annual event.
- Brenda will draft a flyer.

- Brenda will draft a finisher medal.
- Would like to continue with Kerry and Colin for medals – Medal counts needed are listed below for overall medals and age category medals.
- Was Ross still interested in helping us print a few yard signs now that we have the new logo? We held off last year in hopes of printing some once and having them work for a few years.
- While we routinely have volunteers that return, there are a few that have weddings and we have a few spots we'd like to cover better. If you know someone who may be interested in helping that day, direct them to Sally.
- For the **Kids' Challenge** we are good with giveaways, Brenda will order medals. If you have ideas for additional obstacles, let us know. Dr. Bernard told Brenda they would be hosting youth baseball tournaments the day of our event. It shouldn't be an issue with where we are set up, but he just wanted to make us aware. We could have additional kids. **Date is Saturday, July 20.** Set up at 11 a.m.; Open course from 12-1:30. Races start at 1:30. Ages 3-10.

Overall medals (Kerry): 10 total medals – 1st

18 and under relay (3) – first place only

Adult relay (3) – first place only

Men's – first place only

Women's - first place only

Girls 18 and under – first place only

Boys 18 and under – first place only

Age Category medals (Colin): 14 total medals – 1st

Men's – 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+

Women's - 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+

Boys – 13 and under, 14-18

Girls – 13 and under, 14-18

Facebook ads and post:

- May 5 – Posted the registration link.
- May 19 – Created an event.
- May 26 – Posted about early bird registration and it being the 10th annual BLT; In less than a day we have a reach of 623 and 58 engagements.
- May 26 – Created a Facebook ad that will run May 26-June 2.; In less than a day we have a reach of 774 and 21 ad clicks.