



FOUNDATION
FOR
RUSHFORD-PETERSON SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 12, 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, Megan LaFleur, Duane Koenen, Ben Bernard, Jen Hengel

Absent: Nancy Snyder, Jenny Helgemoe, Steve Oian, Will LaFleur

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

Minutes of June 7, 2024 Regular meeting and June 18, 2024 Email Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Tesch, seconded by Bernard. All in Favor. Motion approved.

Student members opportunity to share information or ideas: Will LaFleur has accepted the appointment to the RP Foundation Board. Welcome, Will!

Financial Reports, Jennifer Hengel, Funds Coordinator:

Fund Summaries as of June 29, 2024:

General Fund	\$ 8,100.93
Bluff Land Tri	\$ 3,366.91
Scholarship	\$ 19,520.97
Named Scholarships	\$ 26,674.50
Endowment Fund	\$ 60,735.79
	\$ 118,399.10

The end of the fiscal year was 06/30/2024. The amount of accrued interest will be included in next month's financial report. Financial activity since the June 7, 2024 meeting includes:

- \$400.00 added to the Scholarship Fund that came in for BLT sponsorship
- \$500.00 gift to the Named Scholarship Fund from Andrea Konetchy for the Ronald Kjos Scholarship in his memory
- \$500.00 gift to the Named Scholarship Fund from Gary & Diane Evenson for the Merle & Bette Evenson Scholarship
- \$1,000.00 expense from the Named Scholarship Fund for Lauren Honken's two scholarships (Michael Reinhardt & Bruce Victor Bartleson)

Motion to accept the financial report by Dahl, seconded by Koenen. All in favor. Motion approved.

Bills to Pay/ Angel Fund:

No bills to be paid this month.

Angel Fund Request: A request to cover \$243.30 for lunches for three (3) students in need. Motion by Koenen with a second from LaFleur to approve this request. All in Favor. Motion approved.

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

Kids Challenge: Final preparations are in high gear for this year's event as Rushford Days is in one week's time. Update report from Brenda Tesch: July 20th workers and volunteers will gather on-site at 11:00 am. From Noon – 1:30 pm participants may practice for the event. The race officially begins at 1:30 pm. Participants are divided into competition categories by age. Volunteers to assist with the event continue to be welcome. Hengel informs that one of the requirements for Rushford Days Royalty is to offer service to the community. Royalty will be encouraged to offer their support to the 2024 Kid's Challenge.

Bluff Land Triathlon (BLT), August 17, 2024: Brenda Tesch provided an update. Today is the deadline for registering for the BLT. The deadline date has been complicated due to the fact that the Foundation for R-P Schools website went down today. Other links for registration include a link to Tempo Tickets and the Bluff Land Tri Facebook page. The maximum number of entrants who can participate in the BLT is 125 and as of today's meeting there are 106 individuals registered. Individuals who register by today's deadline are assured of receiving a t-shirt and finisher medal. Individuals who do not wish to participate in the triathlon itself can still support the event through a clothing purchase. An online store for clothing orders was set up at no cost to the Foundation. Today (July 12) is the last day to purchase items to have them by the time of the event on August 17. Volunteers to help with the BLT are welcome.

Foundation Scholarships

RP Valley Royalty Scholarship: This is a proposed new scholarship for students who are named royalty as a part of the annual Rushford Days Celebration. Rushford Festivities coordinates the royalty, but that organization is not a 501(c)(3), so some entities that want to donate towards the scholarship cannot currently do so. Hengel asked if the Foundation for R-P Schools would consider hosting the scholarship in the Named Scholarship Fund. She noted that not all the royalty may be R-P students, however, as some are home-schooled or attend neighboring district high schools. Upon discussion, it was suggested that Rushford Festivities approach the Rushford Community Foundation to determine if the scholarship is a good fit for that entity. This decision was tabled for further review and discussion at an upcoming meeting.

Pay It Forward Scholarship (new for 2025 graduates): No updates at this time.

Other Business: Brenda Tesch is ending her six years (2 3-year terms) on the Board effective October 31, 2024. Retiring members are asked to find and invite new members to take their places.

Next Meeting: (usually the 1st Friday of the month): August 9, 2024 at 7:30 a.m., Forum Room.
September 6; October 4, November 8 (Annual Meeting)

Adjourned: at 8:03 a.m. on motion by LaFleur, seconded Tesch. All in Favor. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Zoelle-Johnson, Secretary

ACTIONS FOR SMIF:

Rushford-Peterson Schools - \$243.30 from the General Fund (#359)