



**TRHS Foundation Meeting
February 8, 2021**

The Roosevelt Foundation works to celebrate Roosevelt's history and traditions,
and to support Roosevelt current students and faculty.

Present: Kevin Biggs, Nick Callison, Jackson Dahlquist, Stephen Dorff, Marie Gernes, Rose Green, Julianne Hilmes-Bartlett, Dylan Huey, Bryan Huggins, AJ Johnson, Charlotte Lozier, Erik Lundy, DeMario Luttrell, Steve Malone, Kate Mead, Scott Nelson, Nate Nielsen, Mary Schlehuger, Mak Suceska, Kari Stone, Ted Stroope, Abby Zegers

Total Board Members: 23

Present: 20

Agenda Items

1. Welcome & Call to Order- Rose
2. Approval of January Meeting Minutes
 1. Nick motions, DeMario 2nd, all approve
3. Principal's Report – Kevin
 1. Getting ready to reopen at 100% in-person, students had options to stay virtual (about 70/30 split at the moment). Logistics, furniture, scheduling- lots in the works but feels positive.
 1. Distancing will be harder, working to advocate for getting teachers vaccinated ASAP
 2. Winter Sports: Girls' basketball is doing really well, several Srs have committed to college teams. Boys' team is building, along with wrestling team (with one in girls' division!). New football coach is Jared Barnett, played at ISU, has coached at collegiate level. New coaches will be introduced in coming weeks at a basketball game.
 3. Night School: Minutes must be made up from DMPS not being in state compliance during fall semester. Opening a night school with core teachers + elective + ELL teacher, students can show up to get extra support and recoup credits. Staff will be paid and have a full team ready to go.
 1. Political tensions have been hard this year, but night school should keep scheduling in place.
 4. 5 National Merit Semi-Finalists this year too. 2 All-Americans in debate. Still strong momentum.
4. **Treasurer's Report**
 1. Pretty quiet month, investment income has been a plus
 2. Anticipating income from Rider Cup and coming Capital Campaign

5. Special Requests

1. Senior Party: \$3000 request for Adventureland admission for 2021 Seniors
 1. Planning outdoor celebration at Adventureland for all 507 Seniors, our funding would pay for 94 kids' admission.
 1. Chose location with Covid-19 protocols in place, outdoors, off-site
 2. Historically we've given about \$1500; other funding sources are harder this year so the ask is more. Also working to fundraise through a raffle, asking families to sponsor another family if they are able.
 2. Discussions: given difficulties of year for kids, and fewer requests, ability to support is there
 3. AJ- motion to approve. Mary 2nd Kate- motion to approve.
2. Mock Trial- \$700 (fees of \$175x4 teams) submitted by Artis Reis on behalf of Mock Trial
 1. 40 students currently participating,
 2. Jackson- motion to approve, Erik 2nd, all approve

6. Administrative Report- Kari

1. Scholarships - Reorganizing site with committee's input, no apps in yet but it's open and counselors are helping to promote.
2. Website & Social Media still going well
3. Rider Cup announced, a few registrations came in right away
4. Capital Campaign check-ins with Niki and Connie, getting donors added to database with- documents can be attached with receipts, etc., and generates email receipt.
5. Database management and budgeting: next upgrade difference is about \$1200/ year, would increase cap from 5000 to 15,000 entries. Bloomerang will let us know when approaching the limit, which will likely happen with the campaign, and we can upgrade then.

7. Committee Reports

- Scholarships + Grants Committee- out and being promoted, may try to have an online workshop for kids and manage a few other initiatives. See video at <https://www.trhsfoundation.org/scholarships>
 - Graduation is TBD on in-person or virtual
- Alumni Relations + Events
 - 2021 Hall of Fame: Applications are running all year, but will plan to have awardees this year celebrated with the 2022 awards, which will also line up nicely with Capital Campaign.
 - Reunion Tours Discussion: Ideas are to have tables at school during reunion tours, a way to sign up to donate to Foundation (iPads/ signup sheets), selling gear. Looking for feedback or ideas from Board moving forward.
 - Ideas: Welcome video to inform alumni about changes and updates; appeal to those who might donate during high school reunion tours on Saturday morning of reunion weekends.
 - Steve Malone suggested Rider Crew, who have put together fall orientation videos as well, Dylan offered to mentor/ coach students for production
- Capital Campaign Committee
 - Officially kicked off fundraising
 - Cabinet is full – document is shared on Board Portal

- 3 Major Projects: outdoor updated track & field, updated library/ media center, ongoing endowment
- Board Request: please reach out to Rose with ideas for leadership-level potential donors, and consultants will navigate the requests
- Rider Cup event announced and sign-ups active
 - 2021 event will be similar to fall 2020 protocols: 1 meal, limited gathering, social distancing in place
 - Help get the word out!
- Newsletter coming out Friday, pretty full with school updates already

See everyone in March!

Upcoming Dates:

- Monthly Newsletter: Friday, February 12, 2021
- Next Board Meeting: Monday, March 8, 2021