

Riverside Brookfield Educational Foundation

August 18, 2025

Called to Order: 6:25 in Sarah Johnson's classroom, Room 259 (delayed due to inclement weather)

Minutes from June 22, 2025 approved.

Treasurer's Report for June approved. Twenty one grant awards have been cashed. Four students still have not claimed their grants (totalling \$3,325.00) which will remain in our account if the students do not claim. Duggan Bertsch was paid \$9,095.00 from the Semenske Scholarship to pay them for professional services rendered in closing their non-profit foundation (they turned over their memorial scholarship to the RBEF in January 2025). Again, these monies were not paid by the RBEF but by the Semenske Scholarship Fund.

Introductions: Three new board members were present. Marc Bulandr, Haydee Gonzalez, and Brenda Monti. Mike Johnson has resigned from the board. He was thanked for his service and his input and perspective will be missed.

Old Business: Matt of RBTv will be contacted about Sponsor Ads to be made and viewed on RBTv. In June, RBTv advertised the ads but the RBEF was not mentioned.

No date has been set for the Magic Show. Will contact the school for a date and space.

Student Services will be contacted about having a representative/liaison from that department to help advertise the grant program for students. We would like more students to be awarded the grants and apply in May.

Credit Cards. It has been suggested that we get a Credit or Debit card connected to the RBEF bank account for a few annual purchases online (website domain etc.). Both local banks the foundation uses were contacted and information was gathered. The trustees unanimously agreed to use Brookfield Bank.

Residency is over. Unfortunately no donations were made. Open House is on Wednesday August 20th and Dave Monti will represent the RBEF at their table. Homecoming games are on September 19th (JV 5:00 and Varsity at 7:00). We will have an RBEF table in the endzone near the Alumni tent. Please let Dave know if you are attending/working the table.

New Business: LaGrange Park Antique Mall has agreed to host another RBEF Pop Up event. Dave Monti has many antiques/collectibles from his parents' estate that will be given to the LGP Antique Mall to sell with all proceeds donated to the RBEF. Date to be determined.

Semenske Update: When the Semenske's transferred the money for their scholarship to the RBEF, their intention was there was enough money to fund it fully until 2031. Because Duggan Bartsch charged the scholarship another \$9,075 for services, a new end date will have to be recalculated for the scholarship.

Donations: Jan Goldberg \$50.00, Larry Rocco: \$600.00

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 17th, in Sarah Johnson's classroom Room 259 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourned: at 7:25

Those Present: Dave Monti, Sarah Johnson, Mary Todhunter, Kathy Brush, Brenda Monti, Haydee Gonzalez, Marc Bulandr

Respectively Submitted: Mary Todhunter, Secretary