

Board Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2025 Minutes

5:00 p.m.

The 44 Venue



Richland #44 Foundation Minutes

Present: Megan Kummer, Chad Ulven, Katie Hegseth, Scott Johnson, Jenny Schmitt, Nicole Holdman, Britney Gandhi

Absent:

Others Present: Juli Mauch, Becky Bakke, Tamera Frankl, Jadyn Zetocha

Agenda Items	Discussion/Motion
FOUNDATION BOARD NEW BUSINESS: Megan Kummer called for any additions to the agenda. Hearing none the agenda was approved.	
• Approval of the July 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes	CHAD ULVEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE JULY 9, MEETING MINUTES. MINUTES. JENNY SCHMITT SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.
• Funding Request~ Colts Care Day, Jadyn Zetocha	<p>Purpose of Request Jadyn requested \$500 in funding to support a student-led community project connected to Colts Care Day and aligned with the Foundation's mission and program goals for hands-on, real-world learning.</p> <p>Project Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Main Activity: Students will prepare and sell take-and-bake lasagna meal kits (with optional garlic bread).• Kitchen Use: Request to use Venue 44 kitchen for preparation.• Additional Fundraiser: Monster cookies made during Colts Care Day.• Proceeds Purpose: Fund Night of the Arts event at Venue 44, showcasing student work, music performances, and assembling Kindness Care Kits for local shelters, senior homes, and food pantries.• Event Meal Option: Serve lasagna and garlic bread during the Night of the Arts.• Student Opportunities: Event planning, food prep, entrepreneurship, and community service experience. Two FCCLA students will create a STAR Event project from this initiative for competition. <p>Timeline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• August: Submit funding request to Foundation• September: Plan, advertise, and set up ordering system (Google Form + school website)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late November: Close lasagna orders • December: Prepare and distribute meal kits on Colts Care Day • January: Host Night of the Arts at Venue 44 • February: STAR Event competition presentations <p>Budget Request – \$500 Funds allocated for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groceries & supplies (lasagna, garlic bread) • Packaging & labeling • Printing instructions & advertising materials <p>Expected Outcomes & Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands-on learning and leadership opportunities for students • Increased community engagement and support • Funding for kindness kits for local service agencies • Demonstration of potential Venue 44 as a performance/event space • Opportunities for FCCLA students to compete regionally/nationally <p>Alignment with Foundation Mission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhances educational experiences • Builds community partnerships • Supports sustainable, community-focused student projects <p>SCOTT JOHNSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE \$500 FOR THE COLTS CARE DAY FUNDING REQUEST. CHAD ULVEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIES.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giving Hearts Day 	<p>The group discussed potential participation by the Richland #44 School Foundation in the 2026 Giving Hearts Day campaign. Britney Gandhi stated she would consult with Richland #44 School teachers and staff to determine specific needs or projects to fundraise for. The application for participation is due August 15, 2025.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richland #44 Foundation Financial Statements 	<p>The financial statements were presented for review. There were not any follow-up questions.</p>
44 Venue Business:	
<p>44 Venue Finance Committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Operating Budget 2. Funds Transfer 3. Bookkeeper 	<p>A finance committee was formed to assist with the management and operations of The 44 Venue, consisting of Brittney Gandhi, Chad Ulven, Scott Johnson, and Janna Koble.</p> <p>The committee is working on finalizing an operations budget, and the Foundation has transferred \$50,000 to The 44 Venue for operational expenses. The group is also seeking a bookkeeper for The 44 Venue.</p> <p>Chad Ulven stated the group also discussed requesting a tax abatement for new construction in lieu of traditional property taxes.</p>

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	<p>The group discussed other streams of revenue for The 44 Venue which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the Venue for photo opportunities • Using the Venue for senior pictures. <p>The group discussed developing a cost structure based on whether you are a Richland 44 High School senior or a resident of the Richland #44 community.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 44 Venue General Manager Update 	<p>Bookings include a content shoot (Aug. 18), Johnny Holm Band concert (Sept. 6), Fall Festival (Oct. 4–5), and Wedding Expo – The Say Yes Soirée (Nov., date TBD). Fall Festival planning is underway, with a subcommittee needed and activity ideas under discussion. Confirmed bookings include 18 weddings (Dec. 2025–July 2027) and the nonprofit event “The Power of 100.”</p> <p>For the Johnny Holm Band concert, sponsors secured include Fort Saloon, KPH, Schmitt & Sons Construction, Superior Electric, Guy Miller Realty, and Reiland Brothers, with additional sponsorships and transportation options being pursued. Assistance will be needed the day of the event.</p> <p>Operations updates include posting for a part-time event staff position, exploring lawn care and custodial help, and seeking donated equipment such as a lawn mower and scissor lift from local businesses.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 44 Venue Fundraising Updates 	<p>The Fundraising Committee continues to meet biweekly. Tamara challenged board members to bring one to two potential committee member names to the next board meeting.</p> <p>Since the open house, an additional \$5,000 has been raised. The committee also recommends adding an anonymous option to the donor wall.</p>
Old Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charitable Gaming 	<p>The ND Gaming Commission has begun reviewing the Richland #44 School Foundation’s gaming application. Significant clarification will need to be provided in the meeting minutes, and work will begin on developing a gaming operations book. This process is expected to be time intensive.</p>

The meeting was adjourned. Our next regularly scheduled meeting is September 3, 2025

Respectfully Submitted, Becky Bakke & Juli Mauch