



**March Board Meeting
Minutes**

**March 5, 2024
2:00 PM/Zoom**

Present: Kristi Farver Oaks, Tagen Vine, Sara Hofer, Tara Castellucci, Allison Strekal, Lauren Rennaker

Absent: Traci Weller, Andrea Lambert

- I. **Call to Order** - The Board meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.
- II. **Review of February Meeting Minutes** – No minutes were taken of February meeting.
- III. **Financial Report** – Tagen noted that membership dues were the only income for February, and expenses were the usual monthly fees. Income from February Lunch & Learn will be reflected in the March financials.
- IV. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Summit – Sara
 - i. Despite repeated attempts, Sara has not heard back from the coordinator at U of M about holding the Summit on campus so Sara will reserve the Missoula Hilton Garden Inn.
 - ii. Keynote speaker Eric Van Steenburg/MSU is confirmed. The committee is working on other speakers/topics.
 - b. Sponsorship – Tagen
 - i. 2024 Sponsorship sheet has been updated, and Tagen is posting it on Google docs.
 - ii. Board members can add potential sponsors to the list and/or sign up to contact sponsors.
 - c. Communications – Allison
 - i. Laura Brin has been out for the last two weeks but is back today.
 - ii. March newsletter announcing the March Mix & Mingles and introduction the board will email on Thursday.
 - iii. Allison also created Facebook events for the M&M that board members can share.
 - iv. Email reminder for just the Mix & Mingle will be sent the week of the gathering.
 - d. Membership – Sara
 - i. Membership Roster, Value of Membership flyer, and Individual Member sign-up form was emailed to the board by Traci on 3/2/24.
 - ii. Statistics
 - Total AFP MT Members (as of 11/7/23): 63
 - Total New Members in last month: 3 (New member goal of 50 for 2024)
 - Members expired: 5
 - Members in grace period: 3
 - iii. Sara will forward a MT specific benefits of membership brochure to the board for use at the Mix & Mingles.

- iv. Committee is planning a June membership drive, awarding one scholarship for membership to AFP Global & MT Chapter.
- e. **Professional Development** – Lauren
 - i. **Lunch & Learn** –
 1. February Funder Panel had an attendance of 22. Great call with presenter and participant interaction. Thanks to Communication Committee for getting the word out.
 2. DAF Lunch & Learn – April 18th. Tara and Laura have secured a financial advisor and a rep from Montana Community Foundation. Working on a 3rd speaker.
 3. Events Lunch & Learn – June 13th. Still working on narrowing down the subject matter.
 - ii. **AFP Mix and Mingle Networking Event** – March 21, 2024. Email announcing the gatherings will go out Thursday, 3/7/24. Share FB events.
 1. Kristi/Sara – Billings/Carter’s Brewing
 2. Andrea/Traci – Bozeman/Bozeman Public Library
 3. Tara/Lauren – Missoula/Cranky Sam
- V. **Policy & Procedures Review & Discussion – Scholarship Policy**
 - a. Reviewed & discussed both the Scholarship Policy and Guidelines documents provided by Traci.
 - b. Decision was made to add the scholarship amounts to the table.
 - c. Tagen motioned, and Tara/Sara seconded to approve the Scholarship Policy & Guidelines as amended.
- VI. **Board Retreat Follow-up – AFP MT Mission & Vision Statement Drafts**
 - a. Discussion was held about removing the word rural from the Mission statement. Even though Montana is very rural, there are urban centers, and most of our membership is from those urban areas. Also, if Wyoming members are going to be allowed, “region” should be substituted for “Montana.” Amended statements are below on p. 3.
 - b. Lauren asked about strengthening the last line of the Vision statement: “for the betterment of Montana.” She is going to review the list of mission and vision statements Tara provided to see if there is stronger language available.
 - c. The board agreed that we were not ready to approve the new mission and vision statements. Both will be discussed again at the April Board meeting.
- VII. **Ongoing Board/Committee Recruitment**
 - a. Adam Liberty/Billings Catholic Schools Foundation has expressed interest in joining the board but not until after May.
 - b. Heather Greene/Florence Crittenton asked that we follow up with her in mid-March. Kristi will reach out to her.
 - c. Tagen has a young professional in the Flathead that he will reach out to about joining the board.
- VIII. **Adjourn**
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Next Board Meeting

April 2, 2023, at 2 p.m. via ZOOM

Mission

The Association of Fundraising Professionals - Montana Chapter (AFP-MT) is dedicated to empowering fundraising professionals in communities throughout the region and building a thriving and supportive network of professionals. The core activities through which AFP-MT Chapter fulfills this mission include educational programming, mentorship, and promoting ethical and professional practices in philanthropy.

Vision

The vision of the Montana Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals is to be the leader and resource in strengthening the knowledge, credibility, and respect for the fundraising profession, thus cultivating a healthy nonprofit sector for the betterment of our region.