



**May Board Meeting
Minutes**

**May 6, 2025
2:00 PM/ Zoom**

Present: Kristi Farver Oaks, Allison Strekal, Tagen Vine, Sara Hofer, Traci Weller

Absent: None

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.
- II. **Review of April Meeting Minutes** – No changes were made to the April minutes. Traci approved, Allison seconded, approved.
- III. **Financial Report** – Tagen gave an update on the April financials, all costs are normal.
 - a. We recouped \$175 so far from the February Lunch and Learn, where people registered for free as members, not actually being members.
- IV. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Summit Committee – Allison gave an update on Summit planning. We’ve booked Kari Anderson with Incite Consulting to be the keynote, her session will be on her talk “Fundraising is a Contact Sport.” All other sessions have been planned with the majority of speakers confirmed. Still waiting on a few people to confirm. Allison reached out to the hotel about a room block, waiting to hear back. Allison will start compiling speaker bios/headshots/session descriptions, etc. Targeting the week after the 4th of July to get the Save the Date out.
 - b. Sponsorship Committee – Tagen updated the Google drive for sponsorship and sent out the 2025 sponsor benefit document, no changes made to any of the sponsor levels.
 - c. Awards & Recognition – Allison updated the website with the new forms for the New Member Scholarship and 2026 Chamberlain Scholarship.
 - d. Communications Committee – Allison taking this over since Sarah E. is out. Working with Shelley Pierce at the Billings School Foundation to help with this. Allison, Laura and Shelley will meet next week to talk about the workflow. Ideally, the plan is to have another board member take this role over and then be the one to relay the info to Laura.
 - e. Membership Committee – Traci gave an update. Currently at 82 members, which is the highest we’ve had in awhile! June is Membership Month, and we’ll have promos around that, encouraging people to apply for the scholarship and letting them know there is the \$50 coupon discount for the month of June.

- f. Professional Development Committee –Kristi gave an update – Mix and Mingles were hit and miss, 19 in Missoula, 5 in Bozeman and 4 in Billings. We have 34 people registered for the May Lunch and Learn on Planned Giving with Sara and Traci. Will look at doing a generic coupon code for members for the June Lunch and Learn. The May session is approved for CFRE credits, so we can promote that.
 - i. Upcoming Pro. Dev. Events:
 - 1. May 15 – Lunch and Learn – planned giving
 - 2. June 12 – Lunch and Learn – working with boards focus
- V. **Policy & Procedures Review & Discussion** –Holding off on this until June meeting.
- VI. **Ongoing Board/Committee Recruitment**
 - a. Kyle Lantz from Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch applied, Tagen moved to approve, Traci seconded, approved.
 - b. Traci following up with Ann Martin and Cynthia Winter.
 - c. Allison following up with Sara Cahillane, Sarah Fritz, Sam Dougherty, and Meg White.
 - d. Krisit following up with Danielle from the Billings Clinic and Maria Reed.
 - e. Goal is to get the board to 11.
- VII. **AFP ICON** – had 19 Montana people attend, good conference and good chance to connect. Allison will ask Emily L. for a write up on her experience.
- VIII. **Art Taylor Montana Trip** – Art, the new AFP CEO is visiting Bozeman June 3 – 6. Traci reached out to his people about potentially doing an event with members. Waiting to hear more.
- IX. **AFP MT Growth Opportunities**
 - a. No real movement on sending proposals to foundations, thinking about asking for funds to hire an intern to specifically help with marketing.
 - b. MSU Business Integrated Marketing & Communications Class – Traci attended presentation, she said it was great. Will share materials with full board once she gets them.
 - c. AFP MT Coaching at MNA Conference – Kevin Sylvester asked Traci if AFP MT members would be willing to provide mentoring sessions at the MNA conference in September. She is going to get more info from him before we commit.
- X. **Adjourn**
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 pm.

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 3 at 2 pm