



**February Board Meeting  
Minutes**

**February 3, 2026  
Zoom**

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**Present:** Kristi Farver Oaks, Tagen Vine, Traci Weller, Allison Strekal, Sara Hofer, Kyle Lantz, Abigail Uhrich, Maria Reed

**Absent:** Anne Martin

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM
- II. **Review of the January Board Meeting Minutes** – No changes were made to the January minutes, Tagen moved to approve, Allison seconded, approved.
- III. **Our “WHY” -- We** went around the group with each member stating his or her “WHY” they serve on the Board for AFP MT.
- IV. **Retreat Review-- A** conversation was held regarding the annual retreat. Several members commented that the room was small. Consensus among directors was that it was good time spent together.
- V. **Financial Report** - Tagen presented the 2026 budget and the group went through it line by line. A few highlights include:
  - a. Laura Brin is no longer under contract with AFP MT.
  - b. Montana membership fee was increased by AFP Global; we are unable to lower it so it will now be \$75.
  - c. Scholarships will be: \$500 Chamberlain, \$1,000Ally motioned to approve the budget, Kristi seconded, motion approved.
- VI. **Committee Reports**
  - a. Awards & Recognition – Nothing new.
  - b. Summit – Kristi and Sara will co-chair the 2026 Summit, Sara will send out a Zoom invite to the Summit Committee.
  - c. Sponsorship – Nothing new, currently working on new goals.
  - d. Professional Development – Kristi reported, February is good to go, the committee is working on final speakers for March which is” Funder Panel.”
  - e. Membership – Maria reported; currently 78 members. She reminded the group that there are ten scholarships available from AFP Global. The Board discussed leveraging these scholarships as an incentive for board engagement and as a recruitment tool to attract new Board members. Tagen offered to develop a spreadsheet to intentionally track prospective Board candidates, including event attendance, engagement indicators, and timing of potential Board invitations.

- f. Communications – Traci will contact Justin Cape to see if he is interested in assisting the Communications committee. She reported that the newsletter went out and new LinkedIn and Emails will be posted/sent soon.
- VII. **New Business**
- a. Kristi presented the check writing policy. Tagen moved to approve, Ally seconded, the motion passed.
  - b. Traci showed the board where the Strategic Plan is located on Google Docs and asked that the members review the document.
  - c. Traci will send out communication asking if Board members are willing to move the time of the meeting to 3 or 4 on Tuesdays to work around Anne Martin’s schedule.
  - d. Traci will review past minutes to see if she can determine what the Board had decided regarding a “reserve fund.”
- VIII. **Adjourn** - Meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm

***Next meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2026***