



**January Board Meeting
Minutes**

**January 23, 2026
Bozeman, MT**

Present: Kristi Farver Oaks, Tagen Vine, Traci Weller, Allison Strekal, Anne Martin, Sara Hofer, Kyle Lantz, Abigail Uhrich

Absent: Maria Reed

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:45 AM.
- II. **Review of the November Board Meeting Minutes** – No changes were made to the November minutes, Allison moved to approve, Tagen seconded, approved.
- III. **Board Position Proposal** – Traci moved for Kristi Farver Oaks to remain on the MT Chapter Board as Immediate Past President to fulfill the remainder of time left by Andrea Lambert; the term would then end on December 31, 2026. Allison moved to approve, Abigail seconded, the motion was approved.
- IV. **Communications Chair Conversation** – Conversation was held regarding the Communications Chair. Now that Laura Brin is no longer contracted by the Chapter the Board would like to find a replacement. **Traci** is going to reach out to Justin Cape from Yellowstone Foundation to see if he is willing to help with social media, emails, and the website. **The Board** will continue to look for support in design.
- V. **Financial Report** - Tagen had provided the December 2025 financials including a balance sheet and profit & loss details to the Board via email on January 5, 2026. A summary of the budget and a prepared budget sheet was presented to the Board during the Retreat on January 23, 2026. The Board agreed that **each Board member** should review the budget sheet and be prepared to discuss it during the next Board meeting.
- VI. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Awards & Recognition** – Allison announced that Carrie Coan will have been granted the Chamberlain scholarship. **Allison** will communicate with Carrie on how and when she will be reimbursed for expenses related to attending ICON.
 - b. **Summit** – Sara gave a brief updated on the 2026 Summit tentatively scheduled for Oct. 22-23 in Billings, with a possible AFP Global-sponsored DAF curriculum. Sara and Kristi will be co-leading the event.
 - c. **Sponsorship** – Kyle reviewed the sponsors for the past year. **Tagen and Kyle** will update the sponsorship request forms and prepare spreadsheets for 2026 sponsor information.
 - d. **Professional Development** – Kristi and Anne presented an update. Future dates include:
 - i. February 19th Lunch & Learn: Planned Giving Marketing with Terry Cunningham, Adam Liberty, Minette Johnson, and Alan Davis

- ii. March 19th: Funder Panel with Treacy Foundation. Possible other speakers include Women's Foundation of Montana, and Morgridge Family Foundation
- iii. May – TBD, perhaps Young Professionals or “New to the Sector”
- iv. June – AI Fundraising; the committee is looking for speakers; **Sara** will ask Lynda Sands for suggestions; **Kristi** will ask AFP National
- e. **Membership** – Traci presented an email from Maria. Maria stated that she would be willing to travel to nonprofit fairs, depending on the time of year and scheduling. Maria also offered to assist with communications. Maria also stated that she would like to see strong committee involvement.
- f. **Communications** – Kristi moved that the Board purchase CanvaPro; Abigail seconded, motion passed. Traci mentioned that AFP National is working on a new landing page for its Chapters.

VII. **New Business**

- a. Traci informed the group that National has our Chapter dues listed as \$75 when they are only \$50; she asked if the Board was interested in increasing the amount and the Board agreed that the dues should remain at \$50. **Traci** will inform AFP National to correct the error.
- b. Conversation was held regarding the Check Writing Policy. **Kristi** will revise the policy for the February meeting that will state all executive committee members shall have signing authority. Once the Board votes on the revised policy **Sara** will create a revised Corporate Resolution.
- c. Traci presented the AFP Global Mission, Vision, and Priorities document to the Board.

VIII. **Adjourn** - Meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 2 p.m.