

AGENDA – NPC FRIENDS & FAMILY BOARD MEETING

Empowering students and promoting lifelong learning through advocacy, volunteerism, fund raising, and awarding scholarships

Thursday, August 7, 2025 – 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. – White Mountain Campus with WebEx option

- I. **Call to Order** – President Terry Shove called the meeting to order at 3:49 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call and Introductions – Present included Terry Shove** (President; Apache County Rep); **Tonya Thacker** (Remote - Secretary - Kayenta Center Rep); **Cara Dukepoo** (Remote-Hopi Center Rep); **Pat Ceballos** (Winslow-Little Colorado Campus Rep); **Claude Endfield** (Whiteriver Center Rep); **Jesse Reeck** (Development Director-Executive Director of NPCFF); **Karen Zimmerman** (Remote – Development Coordinator); **Nichole Hendricks** (arrived 4:37 p.m. – Remote – NPC College & Career Preparation Department Success Coach); **Excused: David Wright** (Holbrook – Painted Desert Campus Rep); **Wendy McVicker** (Treasurer; Snowflake/Taylor-Silver Creek Campus Rep); **Jon Saline** (Vice President – Show Low-White Mountain Campus Rep)
- III. **Action Item: Approval of the Minutes of the June 6, 2025 Retreat and Meeting: Claude made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented; Pat seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor; no abstentions.**
- IV. **Action Item: Approval of Financial Report for June & July 2025 – NPC Friends and Family Treasurer Wendy McVicker:** (Balance Sheets – June, July 2025 - Attachment) **Pat made a motion to accept the report; Claude seconded the motion.** Discussion led by Jesse in Wendy's absence. Noted two transfers highlighted in teal that accounted for deposit or payment errors prior to July 1: Pedal the Petrified registrations that were mistakenly deposited in Restricted funds were transferred to Unrestricted on 7/1/2025 and balance to cover US Military Veteran's Scholarship that has now been taken over by the Board transferred from Unrestricted to Restricted on 7/2/2025. No other unusual activity. Both General Liability and D&O Insurance have been paid for 25-26. Endowed accounts summary will include growth on investment column in the future. Jesse and Wendy plan to work together to transfer monthly financial reporting to an Excel document.

There was no further discussion. All voted in favor; no abstentions; motion carried.

Jesse added two additional financial informational pieces:

- a. **Emergency Fund Expenditure** – Jesse explained Surgical Technician student's need: instructor Stephanie Guinn called concerned about student's financial need during summer clinicals; student had relocated to Flagstaff, moved away from previous job, has nieces and nephews to care for, and is working four 10-hour shifts per week; doesn't have money for cell phone, food, or gas to get to clinicals; student has been previous AndyVon transportation grant recipient and NPCFF scholarship recipient, was not awarded a scholarship for Fall during the regular cycle; we sent a \$100 Speedway gas card and referred student to SNAP CAN and remaining Fall scholarship awards

- b. **Transfer of funds to NPCFF Endowment** (Options attached) – Jesse presented an outline of options for end of fiscal year transfers to the endowed accounts. Practice has been to keep 2 years of operational and unrestricted scholarship funding in the bank accounts; given the current size of the endowment, three options: maintaining 2 year balance, reducing to a 1.5 year balance, or reducing to a 1 year balance; current approximately \$14,000 monthly interest on the endowed account can sustain operations even with no additional funds being raised; increasing the amount in the endowment increases the monthly return on investment. Terry expressed concern at changing current practices given the volatility of markets and politics this year. Pat agreed, recommending a conservative approach. Tonya expressed agreement, as did Claude. Terry voiced concerns that there could be fewer donations this year as people are worried about their personal finances and noted that one bad year could put us in the hole. No motion or action needed; no funds will be transferred to the endowment, maintaining the practice of keeping 2 years of operational and unrestricted funds in NBAZ bank accounts.

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c. Operational Checking Account Activity

Beginning Balance – 5/30/2025						\$38,736.37
Check #	Date	+/-	Amount	Payee/Payer	Purpose	
TRANSFER	6/11/2025	+	\$2066.00	NBAZ Visa 7405 to OC	Transfer of cash rewards from NBAZ Visa account 7405 to OC account, prior to closing card (Betsy's) and adding Jesse's.	
Bill Payment	6/13/2025	-	\$439.28	Bankcard Center	Paid off card 7405 to zero the balance; all charges were OC	
Bill Payment	6/30/2025	-	\$924.00	The Hartford	General Liability Insurance payment for 2025-2026	
Ending Balance 6/30/2025						\$39,439.09

b. Restricted Scholarships (Money Market) Account

Beginning Balance – 5/30/2025						\$228,989.56
Check #	Date	+/-	Amount	Payee/Payer	Purpose	
Deposit	6/5/2025	+	\$1,385.11	Donation	\$1,185.11 for Martin Lucas Memorial Scholarship; \$200 for Golden Eagle Scholarship	
159	6/9/2025	-	\$21,500	NPC Business Office	FA25 Restricted Scholarships II	

TRANSFER	6/9/2025	+	\$1,500.00	EJ to RS	From AndyVon account to cover RS check for FA25 AVBB Scholarship
TRANSFER	6/9/2025	+	\$3,374.00	US to RS	To reimburse RS account for RS check #159: \$3,000 for FA25 BAEE Scholarships and \$374 for FA25 BAS ECE Scholarships
Deposit	6/10/2025	+	\$200	Donation	Martin Lucas Memorial Scholarship
Deposit	6/13/2025	+	\$2,457.00	Active.com	Proceeds from PTP registrations 5-31-25 (transferred to US 7-1-25)
TRANSFER	6/13/2025	+	\$3,000.00	EJ to RS	From EJ Smith Endowment for 25-26 Scholarships
TRANSFER	6/13/2025	+	\$3,000.00	EJ to RS	From EJ Endfield Endowment for 25-26 Scholarships
TRANSFER	6/13/2025	+	\$3,000.00	EJ to RS	From EJ Winslow Endowment for 25-26 Scholarships
TRANSFER	6/13/2025	+	\$2,000.00	EJ to RS	From EJ Witt Endowment for 25-26 Scholarships
161	6/13/2025	-	\$489.54	C Blevins	Reimbursement for receipts for NPC Care Fund purchases made 4/7/25-6/11/25.
TRANSFER	6/13/2025	-	\$13,000.00	RS to EJ	Transfer from NBAZ RS to EJ Taking Flight endowment
Deposit	6/16/2025	+	\$30.00	Donation	Golden Eagle Scholarship Fund
Deposit	6/17/2025	+	\$1750.00	Donation	\$1000 for CME; \$750 for Golden Eagle Scholarship
Deposit	6/26/2025	+	\$545.00	Donation	Golden Eagle Scholarship Fund
Interest	6/30/2025	+	\$46.97	Interest	0.25% APR
Ending Balance 6/30/2025	\$216,288.10				

c. Unrestricted Scholarships (Money Market) Account

Beginning Balance 5/30/2025						\$199,403.62
Check #	Date	+/-	Amount	Payee/Payer	Purpose	
TRANSFER	6/9/2025	-	\$3,374	US to RS	To reimburse RS account for RS check #159: \$3,000 for FA25 BAEE Scholarships and \$374 for FA25 BAS ECE Scholarships	
Deposit	6/9/2025	+	\$145.65	JustGiving	JustGiving Corporate Donation	
141	6/16/2025	-	\$134.67	Jessica Teal	2025 Summer Textbook Scholarship	
142	6/20/2025	-	\$1,500.00	NPC Business Office	FA 25 scholarships to winner (\$1000) and runner up (\$500) of the inaugural Miss NPC Native American Pageant. Balance to be awarded in SP 26, as long as eligibility is maintained.	
Interest	6/30/2025	+	\$41.77	Interest	0.25% APR	
Ending Balance 6/30/2025						\$194,582.37

d. NPCFF Endowment

Beginning Balance – 5/30/2025			\$788,064.61
Activity	Date	Amount	Purpose
+		\$20,527.90	Gain on Investment
-		\$789.12	Investment Fees

Ending Balance		\$807,803.39
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e. Smith Endowment

Beginning Balance – 5/30/2025		\$145,726.70	
Activity	Date	Amount	Purpose
+		\$3,900.57	Gain on Investment
-		\$3,000.00	Transferred to NBAZ RS account for AY 25-26 scholarship
-		\$145.85	Investment Fees
Ending Balance		\$146,481.42	

f. Lisitzky Endowment

Beginning Balance – 5/30/2025		\$58,228.90	
Activity	Date	Amount	Purpose
+		\$1,759.15	Gain on Investment
-		\$47.08	Investment Fees
Ending Balance		\$59,940.97	

g. Endfield Endowment

Beginning Balance – 5/30/2025		\$84,720.62	
Activity	Date	Amount	Purpose
+		\$2,276.35	Gain on Investment
-		\$3,000.00	Transferred to NBAZ RS account for AY 25-26 scholarships
-		\$84.85	Investment Fees
Ending Balance		\$83,912.12	

h. Pres Winslow Endowment

Beginning Balance – 5/30/2025		\$105,290.47
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Activity	Date	Amount	Purpose
+		\$2,791.13	Gain on Investment
-		\$3,000.00	Transferred to NBAZ RS account for AY 25-26 scholarship
-		\$105.39	Investment Fees
Ending Balance		\$104,976.21	

i. Jon Graff, Ph.D. Endowment

Beginning Balance – 5/30/2025		\$211,281.71	
Activity	Date	Amount	Purpose
+		\$5,684.50	Gain on Investment
-		\$211.71	Investment Fees
Ending Balance		\$216,754.50	

j. Jennifer Lee Witt Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Beginning Balance – 5/30/2025		\$217,903.21	
Activity	Date	Amount	Purpose
+		\$6,381.54	Gain on Investment
-		\$2,000.00	Transferred to NBAZ RS account for AY 25-26 scholarship
-		\$218.59	Investment Fees
Ending Balance		\$222,066.16	

k. Taking Flight Scholarship in Memory of Dr. Eric B. Henderson Endowment

Beginning Balance – 5/30/2025		\$70,437.16	
Activity	Date	Amount	Purpose
+		\$2,171.82	Gain on Investment
+		\$13,000.00	Assets added to account: transfer of funds from NBAZ RS account
-		\$70.54	Investment Fees

Ending Balance		\$85,538.44
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I. AndyVon Cash Account

Beginning Balance – 5/30/2025			\$617,857.28
Activity	Date	Amount	Purpose
+		\$2,188.54	Interest
-		\$1,500.00	Transfer to NBAZ RS account to cover RS check for FA25 AVBB Scholarship
Ending Balance			\$618,545.82

m. Mary Kay Smith Lindy Endowment

Beginning Balance – 5/30/2025			\$48,073.01
Activity	Date	Amount	Purpose
+		\$1,089.47	Gain on Investment
-		\$48.30	Investment Fees
Ending Balance			\$49,114.18

Report of Endowed Funds as of 6/30/2025 –

Name of Account	*One Year Ago	Current	Change
<u>Smith</u>	\$135,891.40	\$146,481.42	\$10,590.02 (7.79%)
<u>Lisitzky</u>	\$54,669.69	\$59,940.97	\$5,271.28 (9.64%)
<u>Endfield</u>	\$79,417.18	\$83,912.12	\$4,494.94 (5.66%)
<u>NPCFF</u>	\$569,824	\$807,803.39	\$237,978.78 (41.76%)
Winslow	\$98,180.25	\$104,976.13	\$6,795.88 (6.92%)
<u>Jon Graff</u>	\$113,109.83	\$216,754.50	\$103,644.67 (91.63%)
Jennifer Witt	\$210,917.11	\$222,066.16	\$11,149.05 (5.29%)

Taking Flight	\$65,715.63	\$85,538.44	\$19,822.81 (30.16%)
AndyVon	\$445,332.30	\$618,545.82	\$173,213.52 (38.9%)
Mary Kay Smith Lindy	\$19,912.60	\$49,114.18	\$29,201.58 (146.65%)
Total	\$1,792,970.60	\$2,395,133.13	\$602,162.53 (33.58%)

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d. Operational Checking Account Activity

Beginning Balance – 6/30/2025						\$39,439.09
Check #	Date	+/-	Amount	Payee/Payer	Purpose	
Bill Payment	7/30/2025	-	\$344.00	The Hartford	Directors & Officers Liability Insurance for 2025-2026	
Ending Balance 7/31/2025						\$39,095.09

g. Restricted Scholarships (Money Market) Account

Beginning Balance – 6/30/2025						\$216,288.10
Check #	Date	+/-	Amount	Payee/Payer	Purpose	
TRANSFER	7/1/2025	-	\$2,457.00	Unrestricted Scholarships	Proceeds from PTP registrations 5-31-25 (deposited in wrong account 6-13-25; transferred to US 7-1-25)	
Deposit	7/1/2025	+	\$4,500	Donation	\$2000 from B&E Wilson to establish Golden Eagle Scholarship; \$2500 for JE 25-26 Scholarship	
TRANSFER	7/2/2025	+	\$896.23	Unrestricted Scholarships	Reimbursement for excess payment for FA25 US Military Veteran's Scholarship paid with RS Ck #155 in May; USMV balance was only \$103.77; Remainder of scholarship approved in 24-25 US Budget	

160	7/10/2025	-	\$1,500.00	G Lewis	25-26 Taking Flight Scholarship in Memory of Dr. Eric B. Henderson (written 6/9/2025; had not been cashed as of 6-30-25)
Deposit	7/15/2025	+	\$1,000	Donation	Check #2335 from Cedar Hills Senior Center to reimburse for FA25 Joanne Thompson award
Deposit	7/31/2025	+	\$1,566.69	Donations	Online transfer from PayPal for donations to Golden Eagle Scholarship
Interest	7/31/2025	+	\$46.42	Interest	0.25% APR
Ending Balance 7/31/2025	\$220,340.44				

h. Unrestricted Scholarships (Money Market) Account

Beginning Balance 6/30/2025	\$194,582.37				
Check #	Date	+/-	Amount	Payee/Payer	Purpose
TRANSFER	7/1/2025	+	\$2,457.00	Active.com	Revenue from PtP registrations through 5-31-2025 (deposited in wrong account 6-13-25; transferred to US 7-1-25)
Deposit	7/1/2025	+	\$72.00	America Online	Online Donation
143	7/1/2025	-	\$620.82	NPC Business Office	1 st Summer Session payment for Exam Success Course and 1 GED Exam, 1 Civics Exam, and 1 VUE GED Exam
Deposit	7/1/2025	+	\$1,991.00	Active.com	Revenue from PTP registrations through 6-18-2025

TRANSFER	7/2/2025	-	\$896.23	Restricted Scholarships	Reimbursement for excess payment for FA25 US Military Veteran's Scholarship paid with RS Ck #155 in May; USMV balance was only \$103.77; Remainder of scholarship approved in 24-25 US Budget
144	7/10/2025	-	\$95.00	NPC Business Office	ACCUPLACER Exams (2x\$10; 1x\$15; 3x\$20)
Deposit	7/15/2025	+	\$2,133.00	Active.com	Revenue from PTP registrations through 7-3-2025
145	7/18/2025	-	\$961.00	NPC Business Office	23 GED Exams, 2 Civics Exams, 1 VUE GED Exam
Deposit	7/22/2025	+	\$2,500.00	SHRMC	2025 Pedal the Petrified Platinum Sponsorship
Deposit	7/29/2205	+	\$1,984.50	Active.com	Revenue from PTP registrations through 7-18-2025
Deposit	7/31/2025	+	\$1,321.16	PayPal	Online transfer for Super 8 \$250 PTP Sponsorship and individual donations to be used "where needed most"
Interest	7/31/2025	+	\$42.27	Interest	0.25% APR
Ending Balance 7/31/2025	\$204,510.25				

i. NPCFF Endowment

Beginning Balance – 6/28/2025			\$807,803.39
Activity	Date	Amount	Purpose

+	7/25/2025	\$14,525.07	Gain on Investment
-		\$866.02	Investment Fees
Ending Balance		\$821,462.44	

j. Smith Endowment

Beginning Balance – 6/28/2025		\$146,481.42	
Activity	Date	Amount	Purpose
+	7/25/2025	\$2,761.79	Gain on Investment
-		\$156.61	Investment Fees
Ending Balance		\$149,086.60	

k. Lisitzky Endowment

Beginning Balance – 6/28/2025		\$59,940.97	
Activity	Date	Amount	Purpose
+	7/25/2025	\$919.94	Gain on Investment
-		\$46.49	Investment Fees
Ending Balance		\$60,814.42	

n. Endfield Endowment

Beginning Balance – 6/28/2025		\$83,912.12	
Activity	Date	Amount	Purpose
+	7/25/2025	\$1,421.89	Gain on Investment
-		\$90.32	Investment Fees
Ending Balance		\$85,243.69	

o. Pres Winslow Endowment

Beginning Balance – 6/28/2025		\$104,976.21	
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Activity	Date	Amount	Purpose
+	7/25/2025	\$1,958.39	Gain on Investment
-		\$112.60	Investment Fees
Ending Balance		\$106,822.00	

p. Jon Graff, Ph.D. Endowment

Beginning Balance – 6/28/2025		\$216,754.50	
Activity	Date	Amount	Purpose
+	7/25/2025	\$3,600.32	Gain on Investment
-		\$230.06	Investment Fees
Ending Balance		\$220,124.76	

q. Jennifer Lee Witt Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Beginning Balance – 6/28/2025		\$222,066.16	
Activity	Date	Amount	Purpose
+	7/25/2025	\$3,228.01	Gain on Investment
-		\$236.50	Investment Fees
Ending Balance		\$225,057.67	

r. Taking Flight Scholarship in Memory of Dr. Eric B. Henderson Endowment

Beginning Balance – 6/28/2025		\$85,538.44	
Activity	Date	Amount	Purpose
+	7/25/2025	\$1,424.91	Gain on Investment
-		\$83.78	Investment Fees
Ending Balance		\$86,879.57	

s. AndyVon Cash Account

Beginning Balance – 6/28/2025			\$618,545.82
Activity	Date	Amount	Purpose
+	7/25/2025	\$2,109.63	Gain on Investment
-		\$0.00	
Ending Balance		\$620,655.45	

t. Mary Kay Smith Lindy Endowment

Beginning Balance – 6/28/2025			\$49,114.18
Activity	Date	Amount	Purpose
+	7/25/2025	\$900.71	Gain on Investment
-		\$47.28	Investment Fees
Ending Balance		\$49,967.61	

Report of Endowed Funds as of 5/30/2025 –

Name of Account	*One Year Ago	Current	Change
Smith	\$137,966.42	\$149,086.60	\$11,120.18 (8.06%)
Lisitzky	\$55,447.51	\$60,814.42	\$5,366.91 (9.8%)
Endfield	\$80,710.41	\$85,243.69	\$4,533.28 (5.62%)
NPCFF	\$578,685.77	\$821,462.44	\$242,776.67 (41.95%)
Winslow	\$99,699.49	\$106,822.00	\$7,122.51 (7.14%)
Jon Graff	\$114,963.42	\$220,124.76	\$105,161.34 (91.47%)
Jennifer Witt	\$214,085.48	\$225,057.67	\$10,972.19 (5.13%)
Taking Flight	\$66,767.50	\$86,879.57	\$20,112.07 (30.12%)
AndyVon	\$447,227.28	\$620,655.45	\$173,428.17 (38.78%)
Mary Kay Smith Lindy	\$20,432.19	\$49,967.61	\$29,535.42 (144.55%)

Total	\$1,815,985.47	\$2,426,114.21	\$610,128.74 (33.60%)
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V. Director's Report/Old Business – Jesse Reeck –

- A. Report on Onboarding as new Development/Executive Director** Jesse shared that extensive notes and preparation from Betsy has eased the transition, but much time is still devoted to understanding and conducting processes; some of that is just adjustment time, but some is learning new systems (QuickBooks, Audits, online banking, NPC technologies and roles, etc.). Goal remains to carry out current calendar of events, applications, and awards, and to refine as we go. Possible refinements already discussed and being worked on: application refinement suggestions from retreat, financial record keeping centralization in QuickBooks, website updates and simplification. Much time at this point being dedicated to Pedal the Petrified planning, including ongoing evolution of e-bike concerns and debating if a change in policy is warranted. Pat expressed interest in allowing more people to participate, but noted the timing concern of changing anything at this point for the 2025 ride. Terry raised concerns about insurance for the event and asked Jesse to confirm with the Hartford if allowing more classes of e-bikes would change our liability. Jesse will not change the policy for this year, but will look into the details of what impact a change might have, including numbers of participants, for consideration for the 2026 event and report back to the Board.
- B. Report on SHRMC application cycle II** Jesse reported that SHRMC scholarship application was re-opened for remaining 3 of 10 awards that were not distributed in June. (In the June cycle, only 7 applications were received—all were awarded a scholarship.) In a 3-week application cycle, 14 applications were received. We had a great response from volunteer reviewers, and we were able to award the 3 scholarships. Other applicants were informed of additional avenues of aid and funding and Karen is following up with 9 of the 11 who would also qualify for a This Class is On Us Voucher from an NPC employee. Glad to have all of the scholarships awarded, but the difference in numbers of applications begs the question of the appropriateness of the timing of our scholarship cycles, which we will address in discussion under New Business.
- C. Update on Early Fall Scholarships: AndyVon Transportation Grant, Golden Eagle, ITT, Tim Shove, CASO** Jesse explained that Golden Eagle, ITT, Tim Shove will be open until September 4th with targeted recruitment for ITT and Shove; first round of AndyVon Transportation Grants will also be awarded Sep. 4th, with additional disbursement cycles following until funds are used; CASO open until October 1st.

- D. Update on 1st Quarter Operational Plan (Attachment)** Jesse recalled that overarching Goals, Challenges, and Objectives were approved at June 6th meeting, but Jesse & Betsy fleshed out strategies later in June. No major changes or surprises; current progress toward outcomes are updated in the attachment.
- E. Update on Pedal the Petrified ~ Volunteers??** Jesse reported that Pedal the Petrified is on track to take place on September 27, 2025. Jesse and Karen are following the NPCFF Annual Calendar and PTP Ride Bible and progressing on permits, parking plans, printing, sponsorships, securing volunteers, marketing and registration.

Jesse requests that all board members find a way to volunteer for the event—preparations beforehand, being at pre-ride check-in on Friday night, or offering support the day of the ride. Pat volunteered to be present at the Pre-Ride Check In. Thank you to Claude who has already committed to being there the day of the ride.

- F. Presentation & distribution of Development brochure** Printing of brochure has been delayed in Marketing department again; updated contact information as been added and should be printed by September meeting.

VI. New Business –

- A. Action Item: Acceptance of Audit findings and 24-25 Form 990 for taxes from BDRRichards, CPAs (Attachment)** Pat moved to accept the audit findings and Form 990; Tonya seconded. There was no discussion. All voted in favor; no abstentions; motion carried. Jesse will forward Board approval to BDRRichards, CPA's and to NPC Business Office for inclusion in NPC audit.
- B. Action Item: Approval of \$1000.00 carry-over scholarship for K Warnick, BAS-ECE. Tonya makes motion to carry over scholarship; Pat seconded;** Discussion: Jesse explained the second half of K Warnick's scholarship was not disbursed for FA25 and was not written in to 25-26 approved budget. In subsequent review of Financial Management Procedures, a \$1000 expense does not actually need Board approval, but as it was already in the agenda, she appreciates the Board's support. All voted in favor; no abstentions; motion carried.

C. Action Item: Approval of a \$2000.00 mini grant to support travel costs for GED exams during AY 25-26 – Nichole Hendricks (Proposal – Attachment) **Pat moved to approve the \$2000 mini grant; Claude seconded**; Nichole presented proposal—explaining the need for financial support for some GED students who have to travel long distances to one of our testing centers. Jesse explained that we already cover the exam fee for all NPC GED students, and we have already provided gas cards for two GED students on an emergency basis. After the second student who needed gas funds, she asked Nichole to propose a more comprehensive plan for how gas funds could be disbursed. Pat and Terry expressed surprise at the \$15 increments for gas cards. Jesse explained that the amounts are designed to cover one trip to an exam and nothing extra. Karen pointed out that this is not every GED student, just those who identify a need to Nichole. Karen also expressed praise for the impact Nichole’s work has had on increasing the rate of GED completion in our service area. Jesse explained that the mini-grant approval will provide an opportunity to run a pilot this year, after which we can reevaluate the need and parameters and if we want to continue funding travel costs as a permanent budget line. Tonya expressed support based on her experience working with the tribal centers and seeing the transportation barriers for students in remote areas. Karen explained that we would give more funds to students traveling farther. **No further discussion. All voted in favor; no abstentions; motion carried.**

D. Discussion: Timing of Scholarship Cycles Jesse explained that the large number of applicants for the summer cycle of the Summit Nursing scholarship combined with requests from both the SNAP CAN coordinator and a recruiter to consider having more scholarships applications open during the summer has prompted some initial thoughts on the timing of the current cycles. The March to April cycle is 4 months away from an August semester start, leaving a long stretch of time when advisors and recruiters say “we have lots of scholarships—but none are available right now” when talking to newly deciding students. The May to June cycle coincides with the end of the semester/year and final exams—perhaps many students don’t have the bandwidth to put together an application at that time. Terry pointed out that most scholarships operate on that cycle, but that students do struggle with senioritis and general apathy by midpoint of spring semester. She asked Jesse to gather data over this year, and we can have a deciding discussion next spring. Pat agreed that this needs to be addressed.

E. Discussion: Board Training – Advanced degrees, internships/clinicals, & sequence of payments (Outline – Attachment) Jesse presented material for baseline informational purposes only; no decisions need to be made now, but some or all of these shifts may be wise to factor into future decisions about how to award scholarships. Terry asked for specific proposals for any

changes in language that we should incorporate into our unrestricted scholarships to account for program changes such as students only seeking an IRC or when credit hour requirements don't align. Pat agreed that students often need additional financial support during clinicals, internships, and student teaching. Pat, Claude, and Terry expressed dismay at potential changes in Pell payment sequence.

- VII. Next Meeting:—** Next meeting Thursday, September 18th 3:30 – 5:00, Snowflake (Silver Creek Campus—SCC)
- VIII. Adjournment –** Terry called for a motion to adjourn: Pat made the motion; Claude seconded. Terry called the meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.