MINUTES – NPC FRIENDS & FAMILY BOARD MEETING

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

Monday, September 14, 2026 – 3:45 – 5:15 p.m. – NPC Show Low/White Mountain Campus, Goldwater Conference Room or via WebEx

I. **Call to Order – Terry called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.**

II. **Roll Call and Introductions – Present included Terry Shove (President; Apache County Rep); David Wright (Vice-President; Holbrook – Painted Desert Campus Rep); Karen Ables (Snowflake-Taylor Rep); Claude Endfield (Whiteriver Rep); Pat Ceballos (Winslow-Little Colorado Campus Rep - Remote); Mark Vest (Treasurer; Show Low-White Mountain Campus Rep - Remote); Jesse Reeck (Director of NPCFF); Karen Zimmerman (Development Coordinator, NPCFF); and Guests: Dylan Stiegemeier, NPC Faculty; Kathleen Berlyn, NPC Faculty; Late: Cara Dukepoo (Hopi Center Rep, 4:06 p.m.);** Absent: Tonya Thacker (Secretary – Kayenta Center Rep)

III. Action Item: Approval of the Minutes of the August 17, 2026 Meeting: (Attachment) **David moved to accept the Minutes of the August 17, 2026 meeting; Claude seconded; No discussion. All voted in favor; no abstentions.**

IV. Action Item: Approval of Financial Reports for August 2026 – Mark Vest: (Balance Sheet, Balance Sheet Comparison, & Transaction Detail by Account – August 2026 – Attachments) **Claude moved to accept the August Financial Reports; David seconded. Discussion:** Mark provided a brief overview of the finances from August. Jesse explained that the CASO Silent Auction contributions came in individually as they were payments via check, cash, or PayPal from individual auction winners. Pedal the Petrified income and expenses will be reported after the event. **All voted in favor; no abstentions.**

V. Terry adjusted the agenda to allow Dylan and Kathleen to present about the Hopi Partnership Scholarship Mini-Grant request (New Business Item A). Action Item: Approval of Revised Mini-Grant Proposal for Hopi Partnership Scholarship – (Attachment) – **Dylan Stiegemeier & Kathleen Berlyn –** Dylan re-presented his proposal to provide a scholarship to honor Micah Loma'omvaya; Kathy spoke about the experience on the field trip last year. Terry voiced her support for utilizing the award to grow presence & outreach in Hopi. Dylan said he's spoken with Micah and he's excited about the possibility. David suggested that if this is going to be an ongoing scholarship, it would be helpful to have the winner of the scholarship present to the board to help guide the continuation and the potential need for additional awards. Dylan said yes, the student could present, and then potentially other members of the Hopi community could also be involved in directing future scholarship directions. David encouraged having the student provide some feedback would be potentially powerful. Kathleen agreed that the student could report back. **Claude moved; Karen A seconded;** All voted in favor

VI. Returned to previous Agenda sequence: Old Business

A. Director's Report – Jesse Reeck

a. Update on the First Quarter 26-27 Operational Plan (Attachment) – ongoing operations continuing with additional/new focus on stabilizing and expanding AwardSpring and Endowment Pilots.
b. Follow up on NATC request – Rich Channick reached out with concerns that the Foundation wasn't fulfilling its mission to support NPC's priorities when declining the NATC track resurfacing request. Jesse responded after consulting with Terry, David, and Mark, and the issue seems to be resolved. Suggestion for improving communication with NPC leadership: make sure all NPC leadersihp knows where Minutes and Guiding Documents are housed on the NPCFF website.
c. Pedal the Petrified
    i. Registration & Sponsorship Update – 224; Einsteins, SPS+ new sponsors
    ii. Volunteers & Supplies – confirmed times for arrivals; Terry will participate; David may be able to
    iii. Route Adjustment – riders will start with loop back to Tiponi to reach full 100 km
d. AwardSpring Expansion
    i. Scholarship Management – NPC has agreed to partner with NPCFF to expand applications included in AwardSpring and the college contributed $5,000 to the subscription cost. Jesse and Karen will be working with other departments to develop and roll out the expansion.
    ii. Donor Management – Kick off call for donor management expansion this week.
e. Fall Scholarships Update
    i. Transportation Grants – AndyVon largest first round awarding ever, $16,250; NPCFF awarded $2,250 and have two additional applications from the weekend
    ii. SGT Capstone – Student traveling from Flagstaff to Show Low and Chinle for clinicals was nominated for Capstone award by the instructor. Receiving a full AVTG and a $2,000.00 SGT Capstone award.
    iii. Miss Native NPC Pageant – two contestants; both received scholarship awards per mini-grant. Potentially need to reevaluate how the program is run to get broader participation and impact, though Miss Native NPC has already started representing/promoting the college.
    iv. NAMI White Mountains Az – new behavioral health scholarship funded by the National Alliance on Mental Illness White Mountains chapter.
f. Possible Other Events
    i. Awardees & Applications – visiting every campus in October to celebrate scholarship recipients and promote and support applications for Spring awards. David offered to help at any promotional events in Holbrook. Claude recommended including First Things First in announcements about the Endfield award. Discussed possible ways to celebrate and promote, including

shirts, medals, cords, posters, and stickers; Posters and stickers agreed to be best options.

ii. Commencement Reception – possible NPCFF involvement depending on restructuring of Presidents Reception

iii. Student Showcase & Talent Show – Jesse has some vague ideas about another event in the spring, but may not materialize this year.

VII. New Business

a. **Action Item: Approval of the Second Quarter 26-27 Operational Plan** (Attachment) – Jesse presented, mostly similar to last year, AwardSpring and wrap up of PTP; **Karen A moved to accept the Second Quarter 26-27 Operational Plan; Claude seconded; all voted in favor; no abstentions.**

b. **Discussion: Revised Mini-Grant Proposal & Project Evaluation Tools** (Attachments) – Terry presented Executive Director Evaluation revision to be discussed next month; **Claude moved to table discussion of Mini-Grant Evaluation Tools until next month as well; Karen A seconded; all voted in favor to table the discussion.**

VIII. **Next Meeting:– October 12, 2026 – 3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. at Holbrook, PDC**

IX. Adjournment: 5:20 p.m.