

AGENDA – NPC FRIENDS & FAMILY BOARD MEETING

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

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 – 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. – NPC Hopi Center

- I. **Call to Order – Terry called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.** and directed a change in the agenda to address items VI.A & VI.B first as remote guests were already present.
- II. **Roll Call and Introductions – Present included Terry Shove (President; Apache County Rep); David Wright (Vice-President; Holbrook – Painted Desert Campus Rep); Jesse Reeck (Director of NPCFF); Karen Zimmerman (Development Coordinator, NPCFF); Pat Ceballos (Winslow-Little Colorado Campus Rep) Mark Vest (Show Low-White Mountain Campus Rep); Cara Dukepoo (Hopi Center Rep); Tonya Thacker (Secretary – Kayenta Center Rep); Karen Ables (Snowflake-Taylor Rep); Dylan Stiegmeier (Faculty in Political Science – Remote, first half hour only); Rickey Jackson (Student Success & Outreach Coordinator – Remote, first half hour only); Absent: Claude Endfield (Whiteriver Center Rep)**
- III. **Action Item: Approval of the Minutes of the April 13, 2026 meeting: (Attachment) Pat moved to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2026 meeting; Marked seconded; no discussion; all voted in favor; no abstentions.**
- IV. **Action Item: Approval of Financial Reports for April, 2026 – Jesse Reeck: (Balance Sheet, Balance Sheet Comparison, & Transaction Detail by Account – April 2026 – Attachments) Tonya moved to accept the April 2026 Financial Reports; Cara seconded; Discussion:** Jesse explained that the endowed investment accounts had fully recovered from the market dip at the end of February. She pointed out large deposits from AZ Gives Day and the Teacher Scholars Award Fund; restricted donations from AZ Gives Day were transferred from the unrestricted direct deposit after the end of April and will be reflected in the May reports. Karen Ables asked about overall fund balance and general flow of awards. Jesse described the increase in overall funds over the last several years, the structure of endowed, cash investment, restricted, unrestricted, and operational checking accounts, and the general policy of processing as many expenditures as possible through the NPC Business Office. **All voted in favor; no abstentions.**
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. **Director's Report – Jesse Reeck**
 - a. **FA26 Application Report (Attachment)** Jesse highlighted the increase in the number of applications and reviewers, the distribution of awards across campuses, hometowns, and programs, and the total dollar amount of awards already given and yet to be processed.
 - b. **Summer Awards** – Summer textbook and fee awards will be processed this year but then discontinued

- c. **PTP26** – There are currently around 130 registered riders and Jesse & Karen will be doing more intense promotion and preparation for the ride over the next several months.

VI. New Business

- A. **Action Item: Approval of Environmental Learning Communities Mini-Grant** (Attachments) – **Dylan Stiegemeier** - Dylan presented a slide show outlining a request for funds for a scholarship to honor a partnership with the Hopi Youth Education Program and funds for an environmental learning & Eagle Club camping trip to Canyon de Chelly in FA26. Mark asked about a structure for mini-grant proposals in light of expected increases in request. Jesse said she has a simple template she provides, but that it could be revised and a rubric developed. Cara suggested including a connection to NPCFF's Mission. Jesse will add that right away and bring the tool to the board for review & further development. Cara encouraged Dylan to recognize ongoing indigenous efforts at land education even while bringing this "new" opportunity to NPC. Jesse suggested contacting the University of Arizona Extension office about borrowing camping gear. **Mark motioned to accept the \$1,000 funding request for the Canyon de Chelly camping trip; Tonya seconded; all voted in favor; no abstentions. Mark made a separate motion to table the request for a \$500 scholarship pending further development of qualifications and process; Tonya seconded; all voted in favor; no abstentions.**
- B. **Action Item: Approval of Student Success Department Mini-Grant** (Attachments) – **Tonya Thacker & Rickey Jackson** – Rickey presented his written proposal to fund three initiatives in the NPC's Student Success & Outreach Department: kayak rentals & food for a Clear Creek Cleanup Service-Learning Project; First generation student incentive \$100 scholarship drawings for Brown Bag Student Success Workshops; and Snacks and \$100 incentive scholarship drawings for Student Orientation Events. David asked about liability concerns with students on Clear Creek and Rickey responded that they are working with NPC to ensure that is covered. Mark asked what orientation options currently exist at NPC and Tonya explained that there are none beyond videos posted on a website. Rickey explained his goal to pilot these efforts with NPCFF support, collect data on the student impact, and then bring them back to NPC to request permanent budget line items within their department's funds. **David motioned to accept the proposal to fund these three initiatives in the total amount of \$5,000; Cara seconded the motion; all voted in favor; Tonya abstained due to conflict of interest.**
- C. **Action Item: Approval of 26-27 1st Quarter Operational Plan** (Attachment) – Terry explained the background of the quarterly operational plans under previous ED Betsyann Wilson's leadership. Jesse said she also continues to follow and maintain the annual calendar and the daily director's logs. There is little new in the 1st Quarter Plan beyond continuing to implement and revise AwardSpring processing. **Mark moved to accept the 1st Quarter Operational Plan; David seconded; all voted in favor; no abstentions.**
- D. **Board Training: Tour of First Mesa after Adjournment**

- VII. **Next Meeting:– Monday, July 13, 2026 at the Show Low/White Mountain Campus at 3:45 p.m.**
- IX. **Adjournment – 2:10 p.m.**