



Central Washington
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION
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**Grants Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2017**

The Grants Committee meeting was called to order at 12pm with a prayer by Ann Sonn. Members participating in the teleconference included Ann Sonn, Terry Sliger, and Jim Feeney. Kathleen Wilmes also participated. Jane Dickinson and Fr. Brooks Beaulaurier were absent.

The Strategic Planning Goal for Professional and Program Development was reviewed and approved by the committee. The statement will continue to read as follows.

#4 Professional and Program Development In an effort to advocate for effective, transformative Catholic education in our parishes and schools and to increase the number of youth who seek to remain active in the Faith as adults, the Foundation seeks to provide increasing support for professional and program development for Religious Education Catechists and Catholic school teachers.

A formalized plan addressing the current need for professional and program development will be prepared through feedback from Deanery meeting participation and DRE representatives in 2017.

The Foundation seeks to increase the level of Celebration of Faith funding that is dedicated to professional development and to prioritize funding and support for parishes that are determined to be in greatest need of assistance.

In 2018, the Foundation will seek to initiate, support, and provide additional funding for Catechists and Catholic school educators through professional development opportunities.

Members stated that they will likely update the statement after the information gathering phase in 2017 is complete.

Kathleen requested that the committee consider a change in structure which would combine the Grants Committee with the COF Champions Committee. She suggested that the committee be renamed Grants and Awards Committee. She stated that both committees are active for only a short time period each year and provide similar functions. Committee members had no objections and suggested that we move forward with the change.

Kathleen stated that she is currently working with the different deaneries to schedule times when she can attend a monthly regional meeting. She stated that she is currently scheduled to attend three meetings and is waiting for the remaining meetings to be scheduled. She stated that she plans to request feedback regarding champion nominations, local Catechist training needs, opportunities for assisting neighboring parishes with implementing religious education programs, and the May 30th PREP

grant deadline. Ann stated that if she is available, she would like to attend the Chelan meeting. Kathleen stated that she had a conflict with the Yakima meeting on May 4th and will attempt to have a Yakima board member attend in her place.

Kathleen reported that the TAP Renewal Deadline and Hardship deadline was last Friday. She stated that while the new process was rather stressful given the Holy Week timing, all the principals managed a strong showing for Renewal and Hardship requests. She stated that an additional week will be necessary to ensure that all applications are complete and the financial information is verified. She stated that 191 applications have been received, some of which are for New TAP grants, which will not be reviewed until June 1st.

Kathleen stated that it appears there will be about a \$15,000 surplus for TAP Renewals. She stated that she will likely recommend that some of that be utilized for Hardship funding which will likely have a shortfall of at least \$5,000. It was determined that the final approval will be determined after lunch at the Chelan board meeting next weekend.

Jim and Terry stated that they had a conflict with the scheduled June 14 committee meeting date. The meeting was rescheduled for Wednesday, June 21, at 12pm.

Committee members shared their comments regarding the college scholarship awards and made their recommendations.

- Celebration of Faith
 - o \$6,000 available
 - o The committee recommended that all 3 qualifying applications receive an equal portion of the scholarship funding.
 - o Konnor Sauve, Catherine Schellick and Allison Sijgers will each receive \$2,000.
- Chott-Mayer
 - o One scholarship for approximately \$7,000 available and one qualifying applicant.
 - o Andrew McCarthy has received the scholarship for the past two years.
 - o Andrew informed Kathleen that his application would be delayed, but to date his application remains incomplete.
 - o The committee will review the application in Chelan and if they deem it acceptable they will renew the funding.
- Kranz
 - o One \$1,500 scholarship is available with 15 qualifying applications.
 - o After an extensive discussion, the committee decided that 4 candidates would remain in contention - Anahi Rodriguez Garcia, Adriana Martinez, Eileen Morales, and Betzy Villa.
 - o Given the quality of the applications and the great need, Ann inquired as to whether the fund might have enough to cover 2 \$1,000 scholarships. Kathleen stated that she would obtain an answer.
 - o Fund donors, Jack and Janie Kranz, and possibly Jane Dickinson are expected to provide feedback as to their top candidates within the next week.
 - o The committee will make the final selection during the meeting in Chelan.

Kathleen requested that committee members make note of the suggested meeting dates and times.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Wilmes

Future Board Meeting Dates

Saturday/Sunday, April 29-30, 2017	Board Retreat	Chelan	
Saturday, August 26, 2017	Board Meeting	Tri-Cities	
Saturday, November 4, 2017	Board Meeting	Wenatchee	
Saturday, February 10, 2018	Annual Retreat	TBD	
Friday/Saturday, April 27-28, 2018	Annual Meeting		TBD

Future Committee Meeting Dates

Wednesday, June 21 (revised)	12pm	Award New TAP grants and PREP grants
Wednesday, July 11	12pm	PREP Initiative Funding and Champion Awards
Wednesday, November 15	12pm	TAP Award Modifications
Wednesday, January 17	12pm	
Wednesday, March 14	12pm	