

Community Foundation of Dunn County

Board of Directors Meeting – June 25, 2026
City Council Chambers

Meeting Minutes

Present: Bill Butsic, Brad Waznik, Stacy Medin, Jennifer Tack, Tim Eiden, Dianna Fiergola, Amy Hellman, Jeana Larson, Jeff Hastings, Kevin Nolan, Sandi Scott, Dana Brunsrom; Georgina Tegar, Liz Forster, Chelsea Danner

Absent: Paul Horvath

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:32 am

Consent Agenda: Approve consent agenda Motion made by Fiergola; 2nd by Hastings, Scott was absent from May meeting and abstained; motion passed unanimously.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Executive Director Update:

- “Meet Chelsea Danner” staff introduction; review link within agenda
- Next staff member introduction to be announced for next quarter
- Legacy stewardship & donor development
 - April 1 – June 30, 2026; Foundation received \$1,059,489.56 in donations across 386 gifts from 245 donors
 - Quick reference pamphlet handed out with QR code that brings directly to CFDC website
- Donor, nonprofit & community relationship
 - Continue development on relationships with donors, fundholders, nonprofits, etc.
 - Examples: recent donor tour and impact report
- Events & donor engagement
 - Not doing legacy lunch/dinner this year as a “big” event
 - Look at getting more engaged for legacy giving; seeking out new legacy members (FAD committee)
 - Currently have 40-50 legacy donors with goal of 100
 - Challenge board members on potential list of names
 - Board members consider becoming members of the legacy society
- Women’s Giving Circle
 - Working with new president, Pat Weisinger
 - Adding back events; going from 2 to 4 events
 - Fiergola will be liaison between CFDC and Women’s Giving Circle
- Grant data/reporting project
 - Updating information; have gone back 5 years
- Continue to make updates to Board portal; talk to Georgina on any changes
- Community Leadership & data – Bryce Borowicz, Summer intern student; goes to Eau Claire detail located within the grants committee listed below

Committee Reports

Executive Committee Waznik

- See attached June 2026 minutes; executive committee to be transparent
- Options for health insurance for smaller organizations; look for 2027 and future “Want to be better” for the staff
- Discussion on compensation
 - Be competitive on compensation; review allocation of funds
 - CFDC is becoming the leader of non-profits in our area; helping others to be more successful
 - Make CFDC a great place to work; reviewing all information

Investment Committee No reports

Finance Committee No reports

Grants Committee Bryce Borowicz, CFDC student intern currently attending UW-Eau Claire

- Working on Dunn County Community Indicators Project
- - 2 additional interns, Kate Koser and Chase Anderson helping with data collection/input
 - In process of meeting with non-profits in the area and reviewing software options (mySidewalk, Clear Impact, Envisio). Reviewing limitations of programs and cost
 - Shared another Community Foundation’s community indicators as an example. Bryce to reach out to that Foundation and see if they had any challenges with the program.
 - Bryce provided a demo dashboard using mySidewalk. Shared information on real data pulled from comprehensive data library (software) and own data collected and entered.
 - Shows where the needs of the community are and how to help
 - Upload 2 existing grant applications with a set budget. Provided information “at a glance” on needs in the community, tracts within Dunn County on where it’s needed most and make recommendation on where to allocate the funds
 - Bryce recommended to purchase mySidewalk.
 - Goes beyond community dashboard to help nonprofits write grants, most sustainable program. Data is private (local data stays in our database, doesn’t get shared)
 - Other 2 interns are working on reaching out to non-profits to assist in entering their data. With the program, non-profits can call CFDC to pull numbers for them or they can come to the dashboard themselves to help with grants
 - Can partner with the Chamber and County to share data
 - It is a tool to identify where needs are, help with overall decision making to support who and why funds are donated, assist non-profits with grant writing

- Commitment to purchase should be made within 60 days; however next meeting is in August
- Discussion on moving forward with software data collection. Reviewed 3 software platforms and costs listed above. Decision to choose mySidewalk for localization, security and data sustainability. Motion made by Butsic, 2nd by Nolan. Motion passed unanimously
- Discussion on financing the software program. Reviewed operating reserves, healthy reserve grant funds and/or reach out to potential donors/outside grants. First choice to use operating reserves and potentially reach out to donors/outside grants later. Motion made by Brunstrom, 2nd by Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

Events & Marketing Committee Nolan/Fiergola

- Evening of Gratitude is September 24, 2026, at Cobble & Vine (cottage winery)
- Jeans & Jewels (J&J) already sold 52 seats with claimed sponsorships
- Continue with “experiences” for live auction
- Fiergola challenged board members to invite someone new to J&J
- Potential conflict - Mabel Tainter having tribute to Elton John/Billy Joel same night as J&J that could affect attendance.
 - Potential to invite artists performing at Mabel to come and do entertainment at J&J before
 - Potential to start J&J earlier and be done by 7:30 when Mabel Tainter event starts.

Fund Asset Development Committee (FAD)

- No formal updates

Board Business

Old Business

- Flag Day – CFDC is a sponsor/co-sponsor for years; make sure it’s included and part of the Events Committee agenda
- Meeting Minutes – Liz backup for Medin; using AI now to reference
- Agenda/minutes format changes -highlight action items; easier to address; provide format changes to Waznik
- Help Executive Director “tell our story”
 - Board to help connect CFDC staff with potential donors. Possibly provide list of donors or influencers in the community.
 - FAD committee
- Menomonie High School complex complete; excess funds for equipment purchase – confirmed by Superintendent Zydowsky
- NDA, Privacy, information handling, disclosures – Betty Vang, Waznik Heike executive assistant to sign. Board members sign annually.
- Board calendar 2026 – No July meeting
- Reorganization of board packets – continue to upgrade
- Create archive folder - done
- Hyperlink all documents – done
- Board listing needs to be updated – create text for quick notification; no response
 - Also provide strengths to this list; give to Amber

New Business

- AI policy (Tegart/Nolan)
 - Utilizing AI; built into some of the applications; software)
 - Fluid document; AI changes regularly and will need to be updated
 - Motion to accept AI policy by Nolan; 2nd Eide; motion passed unanimously
- Women's Giving circle liaison – Fiergola volunteered/accepted
- Create/develop Men's Giving Circle
 - Hastings talked with Mark Wallskog (Tanglewood) and Jim McGuire (Wilson Creek)
 - Potential first meeting July 21 at Wilson Creek
- Fund Asset Development committee
 - Eide volunteered to be committee chair
 - Waznik & Eide to meet and get committee moving forward within 60 days
- Board expectations – attend as many events as possible to show commitment
 - Consideration of at least 2/3 of board members become members of Legacy Society
 - Leads/Contacts – Board member to try and have 12 leads/year for Legacy Society – soft leads for Georgina/Chelsea
 - Continue to bridge gap between Board and staff members
 - Getting more policies/procedures developed
- Board cycle
 - Growing endowment; growing donors
- Health insurance for staff and executive director – continue to find options
- Butsic reminded me that Menomonie murals started today with Walldogs in town. Walldogs are volunteering their time. If you get a chance to see painters, please say thanks for all their work. It's a great addition to Menomonie.
- No formal meeting in July, however Georgina will send some of the dashboard highlights around July 24 for review.
- Try and get Board agenda out 5-7 days before meeting
- Specialty scholarships in July – Exec can take care of to keep moving (Liz)

Adjourned at 8:57 am