

# **Tracy Family Foundation Board Meeting Minutes**

DATE:	December 1, 2023	
TIME:	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	
LOCATION:	Dot Foods – Mt. Sterling, IL	
TRUSTEE ATTENDEES:	Jean Buckley, Susie Stamerjohn, Eric Terwelp, Jim Tracy, Ben	
	Tracy, Kristin Tracy, Mark Yingling, Tim Curtin, Linda Tracy,	
	Kelsey B. Tracy	
TFF STAFF ATTENDEES:	Dan Teefey, Kim Bielik	

## WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

DISCUSSION	Jean welcomed everyone to the meeting. Eric opened the call with a prayer. Thank you, Eric!		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	CTION ITEMS PERSON RESPONSIBLE DEADLINE		
Assign someone to lead with prayer at December 19 <sup>th</sup> meeting.		Jean	<mark>12/12/23</mark>

# **ABOUT ROBERT & DOROTHY TRACY**

DISCUSSION	Jim shared a few memories of RT. Ben lea RT! Jim also recalled a time RT showed up parent/teacher conferences. Lastly, Jim sh neck playing football in high school. When wristwatch to Jim because there was no c this day!	to babysit so Jim and Jil co nared the story of the time n RT came to the hospital, h	uld make it to he broke his le gave his
ACTION ITEMS PERSON RESPONSIBLE DEADLINE			

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Assign someone to share a memory at December 19 <sup>th</sup> meeting.	Jean	<mark>12/12/23</mark>

## **APPROVE MINUTES**

	Jean asked for a motion to approve the 08/11/23 board minutes.
CONCLUSIONS	Jim made a motion to approve the 08/11/23 board minutes. Eric seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Secure DocuSign signatures on minutes.	<mark>Jean</mark>	<mark>2/1/24</mark>

## **TFF TRUSTEES**

DISCUSSION	<ul> <li>2023 EXITING TRUSTEES: Ben Tracy, Eric Terwelp, Kelsey B. Tracy</li> <li>2024 TRUSTEES: Dot Foods, the sole member of TFF, is responsible for appointing trustees. In October 2023, Dot approved the following appointments and terms: Jake Schlater (1/1/24 – 12/31/26), John Sullivan (1/1/24 – 12/31/24), Kristin Tracy (1/1/24 – 12/31/24), Linda Tracy (1/1/24 – 12/31/26), Melanie Markay (1/1/24 – 12/31/24). Other 2024 board members (whose terms did not expire in 2023) are: Jean Buckley, Jim Tracy, Mark Yingling, Susan Stamerjohn, and Tim Curtin.</li> <li>2024 SLATE OF OFFICERS - RECOMMENDATION: Chair: Susan Stamerjohn / Vice-Chair: Linda Tracy / Secretary: Jim Tracy / Treasurer: Kristin Tracy / President: Dan Teefey</li> </ul>		
	Jean asked for a motion to approve the 2024 Slate of Officers recommendations.		
CONCLUSIONS	Tim made a motion to approve the recommendations for the 2024 Slate of Officers		
ACTION ITEMS	ACTION ITEMS PERSON RESPONSIBLE DEADLINE		

### FINANCES

	Kristin shared 2023 YTD Financia call for questions.	•		ee slides delo	w) and
	Statement of Finar			solidation	
	Assets	October 31, 2023		October 31, 2022	
	Cash - Operating Account	\$63,589	\$279,937	(\$138,743)	
	Cash - Money Market & JPM Cash Account	\$2,057,584	\$851,467	\$2,366,755	
	Pledges Receivable	\$0	\$9,746,107	\$0	
	Investments	\$12,507,388	\$8,862,449	\$10,057,654	
DISCUSSION	Prepaid Expenses	\$29,058	\$29,058	\$25,797	
	Total Assets	\$14,657,618	\$19,769,017	\$12,311,463	
	Liabilities and Net Assets	October 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022	October 31, 2022	
	Accounts Payable	\$0	\$7,971	\$0	
	Contributions Payable	\$595,708	\$757,961	\$524,060	
	Total Liabilities	\$595,708	\$765,932	\$524,060	
	Net Assets - without donor restrictions	\$14,051,910	\$18,993,085	\$11,777,403	
	Net Assets - with donor restrictions	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	
	Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$14,657,618	\$19,769,017	\$12,311,463	

# Statement of Financial Activities

2023 Actuals vs. FY 2023 Budget - YTD through 10/31 (83% through year)

	Actuals through	Total 2023	
Statement of Financial Activities	October 31, 2023	Budget	% of Budget
Revenue	\$1,254,626	\$9,698,172	13%
Less: Grant Expenses	\$5,370,700	\$8,379,659	64%
Less: Direct Charitable Expenses	\$595	\$595	100%
Less: Operating Expenses	\$869,505	\$1,302,424	67%
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$4,986,174)	\$15,494	

<sup>1</sup>Amounts based on TFF (only) management accounts without consideration of consolidation.

<sup>2</sup> Revenue: Dot contribution to be paid March. Total budgeted cash amount is \$9.2M (does not include in-kind contributions made throughout the year). Revenue thus far includes in-kind, dividends, unrealized gains & has been offset by some realized losses.

<sup>3</sup> Grant Expenses: Still slightly light compared to fiscal budget but catching up & normal with timing (spot on with this time in 2022). Ramps up in Nov & Dec with NG & MG deadlines. Also ~\$1.4M worth of grants on the table for Board review.

<sup>4</sup> Operating Expenses: Also, still slightly light compared to fiscal budget, but similar to last year. Delta (in \$) is largely driven by Staff Comp & Benefits, Professional Fees, Payroll Tax, & Office (same categories as the last update).

# **Grant Expenses**

2023 Actuals vs. FY 2023 Budget - YTD through 10/31 (83% through year)

Expense Type	Budget Plan through October 31, 2023	Actuals through October 31, 2023	Total 2023 Budget	% of Budget
Education	\$1,634,971	\$1,626,124	\$1,868,124	87%
Brown County	\$1,482,155	\$1,061,611	\$1,671,285	64%
Youth	\$246,850	\$183,250	\$315,000	58%
Families	\$187,250	\$250,757	\$270,750	93%
Mental Health	\$248,755	\$211,059	\$350,000	60%
Capacity Building	\$742,031	\$588,157	\$814,500	72%
Invitation Grants	\$615,000	\$390,000	\$780,000	50%
Matching Grants	\$1,067,683	\$1,014,243	\$2,075,000	49%
Volunteer Incentive Program	\$5,000	\$16,000	\$5,000	320%
Next Generation Grants	\$55,000	\$29,500	\$230,000	13%
Total Grant Expenses (YTD)	\$6,284,695	\$5,370,700	\$8,379,659	64%

Note: Much of budget plan difference will be made up in November and December with Matching Grants, Invitation Grants, Next Generation Grants, and Focus Area projects in C3 2023.

#### FINANCE MANAGER TRANSITION: DAN

- **Robyn Pilliod:** Robyn joined our team this year and has taken over most all the tasks we used an outside accounting firm for. Everything is moving to QuickBooks Online, which will allow us to see things happening live and will provide a more detailed chart of accounts. Robyn will enter transactions, prepare financials, reconcile accounts, and perform other accounting tasks.
- **ABNG:** This is our outside accounting firm in Quincy. They will continue to print the physical checks, and Dan will continue to sign checks. ABNG will continue to prepare our 1099's and will also manage accounting for DTEC and BCELC in the short-term.
- **GHS:** GHS prepares the 990's for DTEC and BCELC and the 990PF for TFF. They also conduct our annual audit which includes all three entities.

#### 2024 BUDGET PROCESS: DAN

- Dan prepares a 1<sup>st</sup> draft based upon 2023 work and TFF strategic plan objectives.
- TFF Staff provide draft budgets for their Focus Areas.
- Dan and Robyn review 2023 actuals.
- Dan will present a draft 2024 budget to the TFF Board for approval at our December 19 Conference Call meeting.
- We will seek TFF Board final approval of the 2024 budget at our January 23, 2024 TFF Board meeting.

**Discussion Question:** Is it necessary for Dan to go through the draft budget line by line or would the board prefer to have a high-level summary?

**Discussion Feedback:** Go with a higher-level review of the process, as opposed to a line-by-line review. Call out any big things or key changes from 2023, don't spend a lot of time on status quo items. Provide budget to board at least 24 hours in advance so they can review and come prepared with questions.

## **INVESTMENT REPORT: DAN**

Dan reported on investments and did a call for questions.

## TFF Cash and Investments:

- Cash Accounts (as of 11/28/23):
  - USB Checking Account: \$235,079
  - o JP Morgan Money Market Account: \$4,444,429
  - o Total Cash: \$4,679,508
- Investment Accounts (as of 10/31/23):
  - Equity: \$6,210,737
  - Fixed Income and Cash: \$2,943,777
  - o Alternative Assets: \$408,671
  - o Accruals: \$11,635
  - Total Investments: \$9,574,819

## JP Morgan Performance as of 10/31/23:

- 3 month | -7.8% (benchmark: -8.6%)
- 6 month | -3.1% (benchmark: -3.9%)
- Year-to-Date | 9.3% (benchmark: 10.2%)
- Since inception | -2.8% (benchmark: -2.2%)

Dan shared that the Dot Family Holdings (DFH) Investment Committee will be issuing a RFP in 2023 to investment advisors. JP Morgan currently manages the DFH investment portfolio, as well as the TFF investment portfolio. While DFH does not benefit from the dual relationship with JP Morgan, TFF benefits as is evident in the 20 basis points fee charged to TFF. If JP Morgan is not selected to continue serving as the DFH investment advisor will this change the fee structure that JP Morgan provides to TFF? That remains to be seen. It was suggested that TFF be prepared to issue a RFP in 2024. If TFF issues an RFP, the firms the proposal is sent to will likely not be identical to those firms DFH has invited to submit a proposal.

CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
2024 Budget Report to Board: Go with a higher-level review of the process, as opposed to a line by line review. Call out any big things or key changes, don't spend a lot of time on status quo items. Provide budget to board at least 24 hours in advance so they can review and come prepared with questions.	<mark>Dan</mark>	<mark>12/17/24</mark>

# **POLICIES & GUIDELINES: JEAN**

	POLICY REVIEW The board packet provided prior to today information on each policy and recommen recommended changes and also a call for POLICY RE APPROACH	ended changes. Jean did a review of r questions.		
DISCUSSION	Document Retention         Capitalization         Conflict of Interest         Credit Card         Education, Training, & Retreat Reimbursement         Financial Controls         Gift Acceptance         Grant Authorization         Grant Variance         Invitation Grant         Matching Grant         Missed Board Meeting         Next Gen Grant         Staff Discretionary Fund         Travel & Expense Reimbursement         Whistle Blowing         Staff Compensation Guidelines         Youth Trip Guidelines         Youth Trip Guidelines	<ul> <li>Green = Fast ApprovalRE: Only changes since August are wordsmithing and replaced ED with President.</li> <li>Orange = Some changes since August. Let's review.</li> <li>Blue = Lots of Discussion</li> <li>Tan = Did not discuss in August</li> <li>White = Discussion postponed until January 2024.</li> </ul>		
	Retention, Capitalization, Education, Trai Acceptance, Grant Variance, Missed Boar and Whistle Blowing. The board agreed w that were previously presented at the Au change to these policies is the replaceme of President. <b>Discussion:</b> There was no additional discu- noted in green.	ining, & Retreat Reimbursement, Gift rd Meeting, Staff Discretionary Fund, with all of the recommended changes agust meeting. The only additional ent of Executive Director with the title		

Jean asked for a motion to approve the recommended changes to these policies.

## **RECOMMENDED POLICY CHANGES (Items noted in Orange):**

Jean outlined all recommended changes to the following TFF Policies: Conflict of Interest, Credit Card, Financial Controls, and Travel & Expense Reimbursement.

### Discussion:

**Conflict of Interest Policy:** There were questions around how conflicts of interest are determined and if there are other conflicts of interest aside from board service. The board will review and discuss the policy again at the January 2024 meeting.

*Credit Card Policy:* There were no additional revisions suggested so no discussion.

**Financial Controls Policy:** There was a suggestion to edit the section that says "approve budget by December 31" to say "approve DRAFT budget by December 31, "with final approval at first board meeting of the upcoming year". **Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy:** There was no additional revisions suggested so no discussion.

Jean asked for motions to approve the recommended changes to the Credit Card, Financial Controls, and Travel & Expense Reimbursement Policies.

#### **POTENTIAL POLICY CHANGES (Items noted in Blue):**

The board discussed several items that need addressed within the Matching Grant policy. See below. Due to lack of time, the board was not able to go through the same exercise for the Next Gen and Invitation Grant policies. These policies will be discussed at the January 2024 meeting. Decisions that will be made for the Matching Grant policy in many cases will need to be aligned with the Next Gen and Invitation Grant policies.

#### **MATCHING GRANT POLICY**

In the discussions below about the Matching Grant Policy, it is important to understand the definition of a Significant Other Person (SOP) per the Tracy Family Handbook. A SOP is defined as follows:

- 1. Stepchildren Definition: Those that are not adopted by TFM but have become TFM stepchildren before the age of 18.
- 2. Exclusive Partner Definition: Individual who is currently in an exclusive relationship with a Tracy Family Member for 3 years or more and can provide proof of an invested relationship either through a long-term joint checking account and/or significant common assets.

#### MATCHING GRANT POLICY DISCUSSION

**1.** Eligible Participants – Significant Other People - Stepchildren: Discussion Question: Should all generations of stepchildren be eligible to participate in the Matching Grant Program?

**Discussion Feedback:** Everyone agreed all generations of stepchildren should be eligible to participate in the Matching Grant Program, "if and while the spouse (parent of the child) of the eligible Tracy family member has legal custody". The

stepchild must have become a stepchild of a Tracy family member before the age of 18. This should apply to 2Gs and 3Gs, with no 4G language right now.

# 2. Eligible Participants – Spouses of Significant Other People -Stepchildren:

**Discussion Question:** Should spouses of all generations (2G, 3G, etc.) stepchildren be eligible to participate in the MG program?

**Discussion Feedback:** Everyone agreed spouses of all generation's stepchildren should be eligible to participate in the Matching Grant Program, again with no 4G language right now.

**Discussion Question**: Must there be evidence that such stepchildren are engaged and connected to the Tracy family?

**Discussion Feedback:** There was no support to include the requirement to be "actively engaged".

# 3. Eligible Participants – TFF Staff:

**Discussion:** Should a part-time staff member be eligible to participate in the Matching Grant Program?

*Feedback:* Would this benefit incentivize a part-time staff member to move to full-time? Keep it simple, full-time employees only. After some discussion, it was decided we will revisit this topic in the future. No decision was made today.

# 4. Eligible Allowance Per Participant:

**Discussion Questions:** Is the current allowance still appropriate? Should we think about it in terms of generation, age, etc.? Do we leave at \$60k per participant? **Discussion Feedback:** After some discussion, it was decided we will revisit this topic next year since we'll be doing a new Strategic Plan. During this planning, we will discuss the percent of budget dollars to earmark for individual Tracy family member driven grant programs (such as the Matching Grant program) and the percent of budgeted dollars to earmark for TFF driven grantmaking.

# 5. Eligible Participant Mental Capacity:

**Discussion Questions:** If family member becomes mentally incapacitated -1. and they are married, should their spouse be able to participate in the grant programs on their behalf as long as they remain married, provided that their grant participation is consistent with their grant making prior to their incapacitation?

2. but if not married, should TFF allow someone else to participate on their behalf?

**Discussion Feedback:** Most board members feel that an eligible individual who is married and is mentally incapacitated should remain as an eligible participant and that their grant participation does not have to be consistent with their past Matching Grant requests. There was not much support for an eligible individual who is mentally incapacitated, but not married, remaining as an eligible participant. It was decided we will continue this discussion in January. No decision was made today.

6. Qualifying personal match donations

	A board member asked if a donation to a non foundation qualifies as an eligible personal d program. The answer is "yes", but only if the funded the family's private foundation. This	onation for the TFF Mat TFF eligible participant	ching Grant personally		
	OTHER Jim inquired if trustee compensation is docu documented, but not in a policy. It was sugge Compensation Policy.		a Trustee		
	YOUTH TRIP GUIDELINES: Jean outlined all recommended changes to the no discussion about the recommended change approve the recommended changes.	-			
CONCLUSIONS	Ben made a motion to approve all recommended changes to the followi Policies: Document Retention, Capitalization, Education, Training, & Ret Reimbursement, Gift Acceptance, Grant Variance, Missed Board Meeting Discretionary Fund, and Whistle Blowing. Jim seconded the motion. All v favor.				
	Ben made a motion to approve all recommer Policy. Kristin seconded the motion. All voted		dit Card		
	Susie made a motion to approve all recomme Controls Policy. Kelsey seconded the motion	-	nancial		
	Ben made a motion to approve all recommer Expense Reimbursement Policy. Linda second	-			
	Jim made motion to approve the recomment Guidelines. Ben seconded the motion. All vo	-	h Trip		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE		
above. Send the re	s based on board recommendations in notes evised and approved policies to Kim to rd page of the TFF website.	Jean	<mark>01/15/24</mark>		
	ussion on the following policies at the January Conflict of Interest, Matching Grant, Next Gen on Grant.	Jean	<mark>1/23/24</mark>		
	at "actively engaged" looks like for Tracy and come up with a metric to measure this.	Jean/Dan	<mark>01/15/24</mark>		
Review the Staff C	ompensation Guidelines	<mark>Board</mark>	<mark>1/23/24</mark>		

# **GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW & FUNDING DECISIONS**

DISCUSSION	Below is a summary of the applications reviewed and the funding decisions.
AND	FULL BOARD REVIEW:
CONCLUSIONS	1. Chaddock Children's Foundation: Request \$125,000

Board Decision: Linda made a motion to approve full funding, \$125,000. Kelsey seconded the motion. All voted in in favor.

## 2. Trinity Classical Academy: Request \$50,000

<u>Board Decision:</u> Susie made a motion for a Site Visit. Linda seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The board will revisit this request in January.

3. Screen Sanity: Request \$100,000. This is part of the 3G Opportunity Fund.

<u>Board Decision</u>: Ben made a motion to approve \$50,000 immediately, then have Screen Sanity submit an interim report within 6 months. After that, the board can decide whether or not to move forward with additional funding. Eric seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

## 4. **Communio:** Request \$113,000

<u>Board Decision:</u> Linda made a motion a motion to approve up to \$113,000. Ben seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

## 5. YMCA of West Central IL: Request \$40,635

*Jim abstained from voting on this because he is on the Mt. Sterling YMCA board.* <u>Board Decision:</u> Kelsey made a motion to approve full funding, \$40,635. Mark seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

# STAFF REVIEWED:

# Staff Reviewed Apps

Organization Name	Project		Request	Recommend.
Edison Elementary School	Squads: Edison Elementary		\$3,000	\$3,000
Every.Little.Thing.	Volunteer Expenses		\$1,200	\$1,200
Great River Development Foundation	Career and Technical Landscape Stud	y	\$5,000	\$5,000
Illinois College	Embracing Families - Year 2		\$22,500	\$22,500
Oak Rose Fund	Catholic School Working Group		\$7,500	\$7,500
Quincy Community Theatre	QCT Education Program Support		\$30,000	\$30,000, pending FIR, post site visit
The HUB – Arts and Cultural Center	Program and Gallery Support		\$25,000	\$25,000
100 Club of Illinois	First Responder Mental Health		\$20,000	\$15,000
Girl Scouts of Central Illinois	Girl Scout Leadership Experience		\$10,000	\$10,000, pending FIR
Organization Name	Project	Re	equest	Recommend.
Quincy Salvation Army	Let Me Run - Kroc Center		\$3,500	\$3,500
Special Olympics of Illinois	Athlete Outreach for West Central Illinois		\$10,000	\$10,000

Organization Name	Project		Request	Recommend.
The Family Dinner Project				
Mass. General Physicians Organization	The Family Dinner Project		\$10,680	\$10,680
Abraham Lincoln Council, Boy Scouts	The Family Dinner Project		\$6,000	Site visit, up to \$6,000
Bella Ease	The Family Dinner Project		\$6,000	\$6,000
Blessed Sacrament Church	The Family Dinner Project		\$5,000	\$5,000
QPS Early Childhood and Family Center	The Family Dinner Project		\$6,000	\$6,000
Memorial Hospital Association	The Family Dinner Project		\$6,000	\$6,000
Prairie Skies Public Library District	The Family Dinner Project		\$1,265	\$1,265
Quincy Children's Museum	The Family Dinner Project		\$6,000	\$6,000
Quincy Montessori School	The Family Dinner Project		\$6,000	\$6,000
Routt Catholic High School	The Family Dinner Project		\$5,000	\$5,000
Schuyler County Mental Health Association	The Family Dinner Project		\$6,000	Up to \$6,000
Westfair Christian Academy	The Family Dinner Project		\$6,000	Deny
Two Rivers Regional Council Foundation	The Family Dinner Project		\$6,000	\$6,000
		TOTAL	\$75,945	Up to \$69,945

Organization Name	Project	Request	Recommend.
Mental Health Open RFP			
Advocacy Network for Children	Mental Health Services Expansion for Children Advocacy Centers	\$15,000	\$15,000
St. Peter Church	The Road To Hope	\$15,000	\$15,000
Hobby Horse House	Looking Ahead: Mental Health Prevention	\$15,000	\$15,000
Schuyler County Mental Health Association	Group Expansion	\$15,000	Up to \$15,000
The Knowledge Center at Chaddock	Mental Health First Aid Initiative	\$15,000	Up to \$15,000
Western CUSD 12	Trauma-Informed MTSS in Rural Schools	\$15,000	Up to \$15,000
Winchester High School	Youth & Teen Mental Health First Aid Training	\$5,700	\$5,700
	TOTAL	\$95,700	Up to \$95,700

Organization Name	Project	Request	Recommend.
Cass County Youth Open RFP			
Beardstown Main Street	Family Friday's	\$10,000	Site visit, authorize up to \$10,000
Cass County Health Department	Cass County Teen REACH	\$15,000	\$15,000
Community Hope & Recovery Center	Youth Mentoring and Connection	\$15,000	Site visit, authorize up to \$15,000
First Christian Church	BCA Extracurriculars and Scholarships	\$15,000	Site visit, authorize up to \$15,000
Midwest Youth Services	Cass County Program Expansion Project	\$15,000	\$15,000
	TOTAL	\$70,000	Up to \$70,000

Organization Name	Project	Request	Recommend.
C2 2023 Site Visit Follow-up			
Jacksonville Park Foundation	EggForce Social Innovation Incubator	\$15,500	1:1 Challenge Grant up to \$7,500 by 7/1/2024
John Wood Community College Foundation	College for Life 2023-24	\$21,226	\$21,226
Lynnville Christian Church	Sunday School & Youth Education Initiative	\$25,000	1:1 Challenge Grant up to \$15,000 by 11/1/24
The Esprit De Corps Academy	The Esprit de Corps Academy	\$10,000	\$10,000
Jensen Camp Foundation	Mountain Bike Program Development	\$10,000	\$10,000
Frontline Foster Family Foundation	The Connecting Point	\$10,000	1:1 Challenge Grant up to \$5,000 by 7/1/24
Mississippi Valley Council No. 141, Boy Scouts of America	Technology and Equipment Funding	\$5,000	Up to \$5,000
	TOTAL	\$96,726	Up to \$73,726

Jean asked if there were any Conflicts of Interest with the Staff Reviewed Grant Applications noted in the above 6 tables. The following Conflicts of Interest were reported as such:

- Eric Great River Development Foundation
- Mark Two Rivers Regional Council Foundation
- Jim John Wood Community College Foundation

These individuals abstained from voting on applications submitted by organizations in which they had conflicts. Jean asked for a motion to approve the Staff Reviewed Grant Applications recommendations.

Board Decision: Susie made a motion to approve the staff recommendations for the Staff Reviewed Grant Applications as noted above in the 6 tables on pages 10 & 11. Linda seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Discussion:** Jean asked if everyone still finds value in reading the summaries on staff reviewed grant applications.

**Feedback:** There's value in the board seeing it and reading the summaries. Maybe don't need to see as much detail. The staff might consider doing summaries for just certain dollar thresholds or new ones TFF has not previously funded.

COMMITTEE REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

Catholic Schools Grant Review Committee Apps:

Organization Name	Project		Request	Recommend.
Routt Catholic High School	Building Upgrade		\$30,000	\$30,000
St. John the Evangelist	<b>Professional Development</b>		\$30,000	\$30,000
		TOTAL	\$60,000	\$60,000

Board Decision: Jim made a motion to approve the Catholic Schools Grant Review Committee recommendations. Tim seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

#### **BC Public Schools Apps:**

Organization Name	Project	Request	Recommend.
Brown County Community Unit School District # 1	NWEA MAP Testing	\$9,062.50	\$9,062.50
Brown County Community Unit School District # 1	Strategic Planning	\$32,600	\$32,600
Brown County Elementary School	Comprehensive Reading Instruction Program Development	\$40,000	Up to \$36,000
		TOTAL \$81,662.50	Up to \$81,662.50

Board Decision: Ben made a motion to approve the BC Public Schools Committee recommendations. Mark seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

#### Youth Committee Apps:

Organization Name	Project	Request	Recommend.
#BeLikeGrace	Grace's Place	\$10,000	Site visit, up to \$10,000
Advocacy Network for Children	Cass County Illinois Youth Project	\$10,000	\$10,000
Girls on the Run St. Louis	Girls on the Run Scholarship Support in Greene County, IL	\$7,500	\$7,500
	TOTAL	\$27,500	Up to \$27,500

Board Decision: Jim made a motion to approve the Youth Committee recommendations. Tim seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

#### Families Committee Apps:

Organization Name	Project	Request	Recommend.
Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois	The Wish Journey	\$15,000	\$15,000
United Way of Adams County	Quincy Area Partnership for Unmet Needs - General Fund	\$10,000	\$10,000
Ronald McDonald House Charities of St. Louis	Sponsor-A-Family	\$15,000	\$15,000
WGCA Christian Radio Station	Encouraging & Uplifting Families & Marriages	\$12,000	\$12,000
	TOTAL	\$52,000	\$52,000

Board Decision: Kristin made a motion to approve the Families Committee recommendations. Kelsey seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

#### Education Committee Apps:

Organization Name	Project	Request	Recommend.
Carthage Primary School	Geode Decodable Readers	\$36,247.95	\$36,247.95
Junior Achievement of Greater STL	Junior Achievement General Operations Support	\$20,000	\$20,000, post site visit
Scott-Morgan CUSD	Bluffs Video Board	\$35,000	\$20,000
Community Unit School District #4	UHS Agr Engineering Grant	\$30,000	\$30,000, post site visit
	TOTAL	\$109,162	\$94,162

Board Decision: Susie made a motion to approve the Education Committee recommendations. Jim seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mental	Health	Committee	Apps:
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Organization Name	Project	Request	Recommend.
Carl Sandburg College	Mental Health Support for Rural Students	\$10,600	Site visit, up to \$10,600
Genesis Garden	Mental Health Resilience Program	\$15,000	\$13,000
Illinois College	Vitality Vibe: IC Wellness Connection	\$15,000	\$15,000
Memorial Hospital Association	Memorial Mind Matters Mobile Clinic	\$15,000	\$15,000
Western Illinois University	Healthy Children-Healthy Communities	\$15,000	Site visit, up to \$15,000
	TOTAL	\$70,600	Up to \$70,600

Board Decision: Linda made a motion to approve the Mental Health Committee recommendations. Eric seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

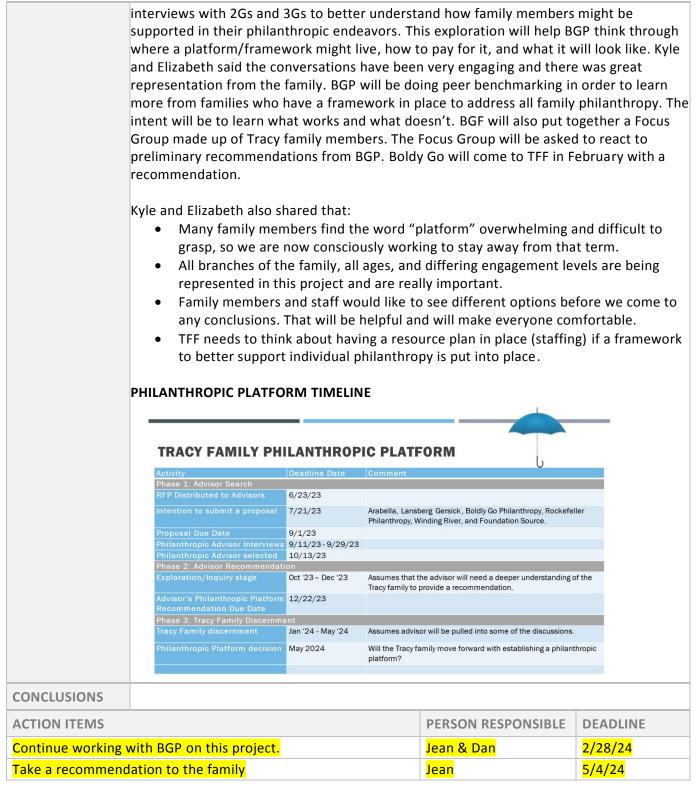
Upon completion of the review of the grant requests, Dan reported to the board decisions in the following categories that have been made since the August 2023 TFF board meeting: Grant Variances, Staff Discretionary Grants, Invitation Grants, and Youth Trip Grants. All decisions are in keeping with the Grant Variance and Grant Authorization Policy and are to be reported to the board.

**CONCLUSIONS** See conclusions noted above.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Confirm that the \$800k grant noted in the budget in the application is committed to Chaddock	<mark>Dan</mark>	<mark>12/15/23</mark>
During the Site Visit, talk to Trinity Classical Academy about finances and pending income.	TFF Staff	<mark>01/15/24</mark>
Reach out to Screen Sanity to see if they can set up a Zoom for interested board members to learn more about the Screen Sanity program and approach	<mark>Kristin</mark>	<mark>12/15/23</mark>
Put together a report on the Family Dinner Project and share total number of people influenced.	Dan	<mark>06/01/24</mark>
Going forward, report to the board any checks organizations have returned to the Foundation.	<mark>Dan</mark>	Ongoing
Build more firm guidelines around public school funding, i.e. more clarity on what TFF will and won't fund in BC and other public schools.	Education Committee	<mark>2024</mark>
Process grant checks	<mark>Dan</mark>	<mark>12/24/23</mark>

# **PHILANTHROPIC PLATFORM: JEAN**

	The development of some type of Philanthropic Platform (framework) to support personal Tracy family philanthropy is part of TFF 20-year plan. TFF recently hired a consultant to help with this project. Boldy Go Philanthropy (BGP)was chosen.
DISCUSSION	<b>BOLDLY GO PHILANTHROPY:</b> Elizabeth and Kyle, BGP consultants, provided a brief presentation to the board on their work and findings thus far. A Steering Committee has been put into place (Ben, Linda, Susie, Dan, Angie, Megan, and Jean) to support the work of BGP. BGP has conducted 16



# MT. STERLING 2024-33 STRATEGIC PLAN PROPOSAL: DAN

DISCUSSION	Mt. Sterling 2024-33 Strategic Plan Selection Process:
	Dan outlined the consultant selection process as follows:

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	ALL INCL	LUSIVE TOTAL			\$1	16K
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CONCLUSIONS	for up to	ade a motion to app \$116,000 for the c d the motion. All vo	completion of a		•	
ACTION ITEMS				PERSON RE	SPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
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# **BROWN COUNTY UPDATE: DAN**

	BC EARLY LEARNING CENTER (BCELC) & DOROTHY TRACY EDUCATION CENTER (DTEC) UPDATE
	The BCELC Director, Connie Sperry, resigned effective July 28. Tiffany Risley was hired as the new BCELC Director and began on September 18. Staffing has been a
DISCUSSION	challenge, but we made significant hiring progress in November. Tiffany is doing a great job and has already improved staff culture. Dan reported on enrollment, expenses, and subsidy for the BCELC.
	The Tracy Family Foundation is the sole member of both the Brown County Early Learning Center and the Dorothy Tracy Education Center. One of the rights and powers as a member is to appoint directors for BCELC and DTEC. The recommended 2024 slate of directors is as follows:
	2024 DTEC Directors:

Jean Buckley, Jim Tracy, and Dan Teefey

#### 2024 BCELC Directors:

Jean Buckley, Jim Tracy, and Dan Teefey

Susie made a motion to approve the recommended slate of directors. Linda seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

#### **BROWN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROMISE PROGRAM**

A BC Promise Program was presented to the board in August. It was concluded that TFF should consider such a program. Dan developed a proposal based on interest and suggestions from the August meeting.

## Why Transition to a Promise Program?

- Boost post-secondary enrollment for many students on the margins.
- Make Brown County more attractive
- Create a hook for student participation in BC & Beyond.

Dan shared info with the board on eligibility for the Promise Program, nuts and bolts on how the program would work, as well as the scholarship award for the Brown County Promise Program recipients and BC Promise Gold recipients. He also shared info on cost projections, and the timeline.

# **Recommended Board Action:**

Approve the transition of the BCHS Scholarship Program to a Brown County Promise Program and to budget accordingly in future years (2024 Budget: \$325,000).

Jim made a motion to approve the transition of the BCHS Scholarship Program to a Brown County Promise Program, and to budget accordingly in future years (2024 Budget: \$325,000). Susie seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

## DOROTHY TRACY ESTATE GIFT

Dorothy's Original Gift: \$1,854,426 Grants to Date:

- \$99,998 St. Mary School windows
- \$331,570 Holy Family renovation
- \$250,000 Joel Oliver Memorial Swimming Pool
- \$27,768 Mt. Sterling YMCA Roof Repairs

## Remaining Balance: \$1,145,090

TFF will continue to be mindful of projects in Brown County where we could designate the funds to come from the Dorothy Tracy Estate Gift.

## **BC TRAILS**

The Brown County Trails Master Plan has a number of trails that could be pursued. The construction on the Clark Park Loop Trail (the 1<sup>st</sup> trail!) is complete except for the laying of the asphalt, which will happen in Spring 2024. TFF has covered nearly

Implement the	BC Promise Program	<mark>Dan</mark>	2/15/24
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
CONCLUSIONS	Jim made a motion to approve Brown County Promise Progran Budget: \$325,000). Susie secon	n, and to budget according	ly in future years (2024
	THE RINK Ice skating has come to Mt. Ste by Action Brown County (ABC). support, as well as significant s Thus far, it appears to be drawi from West Central IL to ice skat	The project garnered a hu upport from ABC, TFF, and ng lots of people from not	ge amount of community Tracy family members.
	<b>BC LIBRARY</b> The groundbreaking of the new 2023. TFF provided a \$350,000 approximately \$5.4M.	•	-
	JOEL OLIVER POOL The Pool will be embarking upo Mt. Sterling Park District. TFF p Park District has been approved the project. TFF also provided a District met the challenge.	rovided a \$250,000 grant f d for a \$400,000 grant fron	or pool renovations. The n the State of Illinois for
	<ul> <li>Future Phases of the Trails Mathematical Structure</li> <li>1. Edgewater Lane Connect</li> <li>2. Mt. Sterling Lake Trail: Completed in Clark Park</li> </ul>	ction: \$5,500-\$6,500 engin Up to \$125,000 engineerin	U U
	Dan also shared that Brown Co Enhancement Program grant fo There will likely be other grant	or a trail from Clark Park to	the Mt. Sterling Lake.
	100% of the cost to develop thi significant amount of time and		

# **BIG PROJECT IDEAS**

Top 2022 Ideas
Outdoor Multipurpose Pavilion/Building
Ron Clark Academy of West Central IL
Brown County Trails (trails, landscaping, bike shop, etc.)
Renovate BCHS - \$10M-\$20M
John Oliver Swimming Pool Upgrade
BCHS Promise Program
New Brown County Public Library
Develop 1 Early Childcare Center to serve Quincy Catholic Schools
TFF Office
Build senior assisted living community
Mental Health Therapist Debt Repayment Program

# BROWN COUNTY & WEST CENTRAL IL – PELLA, IOWA INFO

Prior to the meeting today, trustees were provided information on a town, Pella, lowa. Pella is an example of a town that has made tremendous progress in making community improvements through concentrated and collaborative efforts. Those from TFF who went on the visit to Pella are getting together in the next couple of weeks to discuss top 5 takeaways from the visit to bring back to the TFF board and committees. This is just an example of what can be done in small towns!

## **Discussion Questions:**

• What additional big ideas do you have? Which ideas should have priority and be included in the TFF 2024 budget? Which ideas should be planned for 2025 and beyond?

# Discussion Feedback:

- Where are the biggest gaps for Brown County and which of the big ideas would fill those gaps? Education increase dollar amt for BC Promise, pursue strategies that come out of Mt. Sterling Strategic Plan), Recreation, and Mt. Sterling housing rehab.
- TFF would need to do a lot of research on the Mt. Sterling housing rehab before considering tackling.
- Look at the couple old parks in town. Especially the one by the courthouse. Untapped resource here. Would be great to do a little amphitheater for summer concerts, splash pad, etc.
- Put a restaurant at the lake. Restaurant/live music venue/brewery. Utilize the lake.
- Develop more things for people to enjoy outside of work.
- Start a culinary school, a training ground for hospitality.
- Not sure if it's housing or more entertainment, but if we can figure out what we can do to get more people to live here, that's what our big project needs to be. Look at studies to learn. What do people look at most when deciding where to live/move to?
- It seems like housing is the one thing that always comes up regarding people moving here. Housing hits a lot of buckets. A lot of appetite from board on housing.
- Schools, housing, and entertainment should be TFF's focus for large projects.

If anyone has any other Big Project Ide	as, let Dan know.	
not binding agreements. He also note the trail would be significant in garne opportunities.	• •	•
Dan shared that he has connected with along the sketched-out Lake Trail. The for their trail. At this point, their agree	ey have all agreed to donat ement is simply via letters	e the land needeo of intent and are
<ul> <li>taking through the field.</li> <li>Not a lot of appetite to pay for smaller portion or apply for state engineering.</li> </ul>	•	••
<ul><li>with the second trail.</li><li>Think about doing a portion of</li></ul>		-
<ul> <li>Don't see as a priority because</li> <li>Quincy Trails project had so mu</li> </ul>		-
In 2024 do we want to move forward w Trails? Do we do the whole lake trail, c and just apply for state funding? How Discussion Feedback:	or just do engineering, or do	n't do anything

# TFF BYLAWS

DISCUSSION	No action is needed from the board, but Jean provided the board the recently revised TFF Bylaws that were approved by Dot Foods, the sole member of the foundation. Jean shared a brief summary of the changes and said they take effect January 1, 2024.		
CONCLUSIONS	5		
ACTION ITEMS	5	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

# FOCUS AREA & CAPACITY BUILDING REPORT/Q&A

DISCUSSION	Trustees were provided a Focus Area and Capacity Building update/report prior to today's meeting. Dan did a call for questions.		
CONCLUSIONS	vs		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Talk to TFF Staff about changing Focus Area Summaries to focus less on narrative and more on data.		Dan	01/15/24

## **2023 DASHBOARD**

DISCUSSION	Dan reviewed highlights from dashboard and did a call for questions.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

### **2023 TRUSTEE FAREWELLS**

DISCUSSION	Ben, Eric, and Kelsey go off the board at the end of 2023. Jean gave each the opportunity for closing comments. Thank you for your board service, we will miss each of you!		
CONCLUSIONS	5		
ACTION ITEMS	5	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

## **NEXT TFF BOARD MEETING DATES AND CONFERENCES**

	2023 TFF Board Meeting Dates:		
	<ul> <li>Dec. 19   11:30 – 1:00 Zoom Call</li> </ul>		
	2024 TFF Board Meeting Dates:		
DISCUSSION	<ul> <li>Jan. 23   All Day   Dot Foods – Chesterfield, MO</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Apr. 25   All Day   Dot Foods – Chesterfield, MO</li> <li>Jul. 25   All Day   Dot Foods – Mt. Sterling, IL</li> <li>Dec. 6   All Day   Dot Foods – Mt. Sterling IL (TFF Christmas party the night)</li> </ul>			
		party that	
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	TION ITEMS PERSON RESPONSIBLE DEADLINE		DEADLINE

### **ADJOURN**

DISCUSSION	Jean asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.		
	Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3 p.m. Ben seconded the motion. All voted in favor.		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BOARD MEETING. THERE ARE SEPARATE MINUTES FOR THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

SUBMITTED BY (TFF ADMIN):	Kim Bielik
APPROVED BY (TFF SECRETARY):	But tracy
APPROVED BY (TFF PRESIDENT):	Jean Budley