

2024 Events Committee Meeting

August 15, 2024 at 12:30pm

Members of this committee include Debbie Mueggenborg, Janie Kirkpatrick, Kristen Lindblom, Penny Johnson & Sara Freeman. All members were present. Staff present, Laura Jensen.

Conflicts of Interest Disclosed: Penny is a board member of Ray of Hope, Debbie is a board member of Washington County Elder Care, Sara is a board member of The Journey Home and Ray of Hope, Kristen's spouse is employed with Washington County Elder Care. Scores for committee members with conflicts were calculated by averaging the other committee member's scores.

Application and nomination forms for both the grant and the award opened on Monday, July 1st and closed Friday, August 2nd. These opportunities were promoted via the same avenues as the bi-annual grant cycles – BCF newsletter, Chamber Blast, and social media.

Tell Your Story Grant:

Staff printed and bound the 20 applications submitted for this \$20,000 grant opportunity and provided the material to each of the committee members.

Committee scored and reviewed all 20 applications based on completeness, appropriately answering the questions and quality of material provided. The committee narrowed the pool of applicants to the top 10. Those 10 we reevaluated and **The Journey Home** rose to the top in score and best fit.

Community Catalyst Award:

Staff printed and bound the nominations for Community Catalyst award and provided to the committee for review. Seven nominations were received for four different individuals. The committee thoroughly reviewed each nomination with the nomination for **George Halkiades** rising to the top in score and best fit for the criteria of this award.