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Leading Your Team:

How to Empower, Inspire, and Keep Your Fund Advisory Committee on Track

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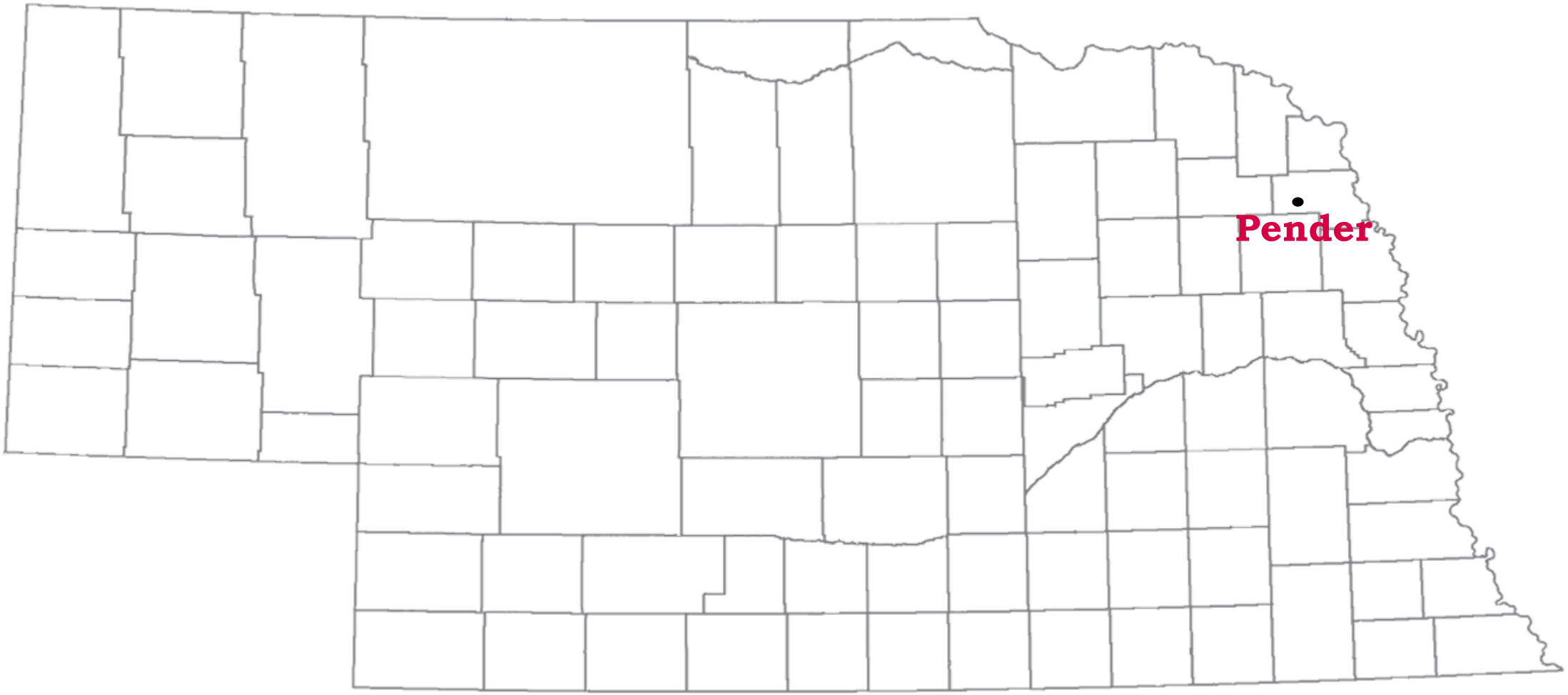
Leadership Scenario:

- Your FAC meets monthly.
- Two people do almost all the talking.
- There are whispered conversations going on in the back of the room.
- The agenda covers updates on old and new business items and random community topics.
- The meetings tend to run long.
- People leave unsure of what has been decided.

Talk amongst your table, as a leader—how would you handle this?
What are some problems?
What are some potential remedies?

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Steering Committee for PTECFF

- Meet 3-5 days prior to monthly FAC meeting
- Text steering committee for date/time to meet
- Includes Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Coordinator
- Use standard agenda
- Anticipate questions on financial report or other committee report.
- Each steering committee member is represented on the Scholarship, Grants, Marketing, Community Outreach and Youth Engagement committees.
- Spend time on Old Business and New Business items – the value is to give concise information at the FAC meeting to reduce Q & A or side conversations about these items.



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Education & Community Foundation Fund

September Meeting Agenda
9.16.2026

2026 GOALS

1. HOMEGROWN CHALLENGE + LEGACY GIFTS
2. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT
3. VISIONING SESSION

- [ ] Call the meeting to order
- [ ] Review/Approve Agenda
- [ ] Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
- [ ] Guests-Jill Grovijan

- [ ] Financial Report
- [ ] Approve Monthly Financial Report
- [ ] Invoices/Receipts
- [ ] -PO Box payment- $112

- [ ] Committee Reports

SCHOLARSHIP — ASHLEY/CANDICE, Joe, Deb, & Matthew
- [ ] -

GRANTING — GAVIN, Mark, Candice, Ashley, Will, & Dee
- [ ] Music on Main
- [ ] -

MARKETING — MIKAYLA, Gavin, Katie, Karissa, & Matt
- [ ] Social Media & Press Releases
- [ ] -Homegrown Challenge- 9/25 football game

STEERING — DEE, Gavin, Joe, & Mikayla
- [ ] Homegrown Challenge- $60,000ish left

COMMUNITY OUTREACH — BRIAN, Ray, Dee, & Mark
- [ ] PCC
- [ ] 5 to thrive/Legacy Gifts

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT — KARISSA, Katie, Ashley, & Matthew
- [ ] Next meeting: October

MISSION
THROUGH COLLABORATION, WE CREATE OPPORTUNITY. WITH DETERMINATION, WE SET AND ACHIEVE GOALS. EMBRACING PROGRESSIVE THINKING, WE MOVE FORWARD.

VISION
WE PROVIDE THE FRAMEWORK FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO DREAM BIG, FLOURISH, AND GROW.

VALUES
WE...
ARE PASSIONATE LEADERS.
GO FURTHER TOGETHER THAN WE DO ALONE.
DO OUR BEST WORK WHEN WE ARE HAVING FUN.
WORK TOWARDS A VIBRANT FUTURE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.
CHALLENGE THE STATUS QUO.

- [ ] Coordinator Reports
- [ ] Regional Coordinator- Anders
- [ ] Fund Coordinator- Channing
- [ ] Hours: September-haven't submitted yet
- [ ] VIP-Planning Visioning Session

- [ ] Old Business
- [ ] $1 million dollar endowment challenge
- [ ] Annual Report
- [ ] Big Give
- [ ] Visioning Session

- [ ] New Business
- [ ] New Year's Eve event
- [ ] -
- [ ] -

- [ ] Adjourn

Next Meeting: October 21st

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FAC Meetings

- Reminder text to FAC 2-3 days prior to meeting, including retired members
- Start on time and end on time!!
- Review our M/V/V each meeting and 2026 goals
- Use power point or slides rather than handouts
- Share calendar for marketing plan

Big Give Facebook Social Media Calendar

Organizations	FB Post Date
Senior Center	11/1
Beautification Committee	11/2
Teammates	11/3
NE Extension/4-H	11/4
FCA	11/5
Thurston Fire and Rescue	11/6
Pender Community Center	11/7
Pender Pool	11/8
House Memorial Library	11/9
Thurston Co. Museum	11/10
American Legion Baseball/Summer Rec	11/11
Pender Greenspace Committee	11/12
Little Sprouts	11/13
Pender Public Schools	11/14
Food Pantry	11/15
VFW/American Legion Auxilary	11/16
Thriftique	11/17
Pender Community Hospital Foundation	11/18
Backpack Program	11/19
PTECFF Unrestricted Endowment	11/20
PTO	11/21
Pender Betterment Group	11/22
No Shave Nebraska	11/23
Pender-Thurston American Legion	11/24
Son's of the American Legion	11/25
FFA Alumni	11/26
Pender Fire and Rescue	11/27
Pender Community Hospital Auxilary	11/29
NENCAP	11/30

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November

2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		FB-Org5		PT-Projects made possible from donations	FB-Org6	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
FB-Org7		FB-Org8		FB-Org9		FB-Org10
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	FB-Org11		FB-Org12 Pancake Feed	FB-Count Down	FB-Org13 Taste of the Holidays	-Giving Stations
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
FB-Org14		FB-Org15	DT Donor Board up. FB-Ways to Give	Thanksgiving FB-Org16 PT-How it works.		FB-Org17 Tomorrow is the day
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Big Give -Daily Updates on FB and Donor Board						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Go Live for Finally				PT- Final Numbers and results		



Our Action Plan

Vision:

Mission:

Values:

We commit to these priorities this year.

Commitment 1

Commitment 2

Commitment 3

Commitment 4

Commitment 5

	January–March	April–June	July–September	October–December
	Goals, Key Tasks, Most Accountable Person	Goals, Key Tasks, Most Accountable Person	Goals, Key Tasks, Most Accountable Person	Goals, Key Tasks, Most Accountable Person
Governance and Leadership				
Marketing and Communications				
Donor and Asset Development				
Community Impact/ Impact Grantmaking				



Tips for successful meeting:

- Be a facilitator during the meeting -get the group back on track
- Separate the interrupters!
- Call on the quiet members – “what is your thought?”
- Utilize the FAC coordinator – Channing Reha –
  - Sends emails, keeps committees on task, prints/prepares agenda or other handouts, Canva savvy, computer savvy, keeps in touch with NCF and our area coordinator Anders/Jill, can’t live without her!
- Be a model of accountability, trust and respect
- As you lead, they will follow!
- Bring chocolate and beverages to every meeting

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Up Next:

- 30 Minute Break
- 2:45 pm: Breakouts – Round C
- 3:45 pm: Closing Plenary
- 5:00 pm: Expo and Social Hour
- 6:30 pm: Banquet

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