



Gorge Community Foundation

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, February 26, 2018

Columbia Gorge Community College—Hood River Campus

Present at Meeting

Lynn Everroad Lisa Neuburger Nate Reagan
Tom Schaefer Gil Sharp Chuck Toole
Jill Burnette

Absent from Meeting

Branden Buel
Janet Nunamaker
Rob McCormick Brad Timmons

The meeting was called to order by Foundation president, Gil Sharp. He called for action on the minutes from January 29, 2018. M/S/P

FINANCIAL REPORTS: There were substantial stock market gains in January. A partial insurance payment was made as current coverage is being evaluated. Over \$60,000 in grant payments went out.

GRANT APPROVALS: Nine grants totaling \$7,050.00 were presented for approval. M/S/P Lisa Neuburger reported to the board on the presentation of a \$21,000 grant to the Monument Senior Center. A previously approved grant to the Hood River Saddle Club was reversed due to the lapse in the club's tax exemption status.

BROCHURE REDESIGN: The board was shown a draft of a refurbished brochure design which includes language directed to potential nonprofit fundholders and updated photography. Consensus was that the brochure looks great and should be printed.

BOARD RECRUITMENT: An announcement was made to the board that Rob McCormick has submitted his resignation effective May 1. There has been progress made in recruiting a board member from Sherman County. The board agreed by consensus that two new board members should be sought and various suggestions were made as to demographic areas that should be explored, including eastern Klickitat county and the tech sector.

TAX ACT REPORT: Chuck Toole presented his research on the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act 2017 as it affects charitable giving. A summary of this is included with these minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be March 26, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Everroad
Operations Director

TAX CUTS & JOBS ACT 2017 / CHARITABLE GIFTS

THE BAD NEWS (FOR MOST CHARITIES):

1. Standard deduction increased to \$12,000 (single) and \$24,000 (joint)
2. Per IRS estimates, in recent years 30% of taxpayers itemized – under JCTA this will drop to 10%
3. For those who will no longer itemize – moderate income taxpayers – their cost of giving goes up substantially
4. THE REALLY BAD NEWS: JCT's estimates: if no change to 2017 tax laws – 41 million donors would deduct charitable contributions of \$242.1 billion on 2018 tax returns: under TCJA – 9.4 million donors will deduct charitable contributions of \$146.3 billion
5. No more 80% deduction- priority rights - college sports tickets
6. The federal estate tax exemption increased to \$11.2 million for 2018 estates

THE GOOD NEWS (FOR SOME CHARITIES):

1. Percentage limit for cash donations to public charities increased to 60%
2. Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) - even more beneficial – don't need to itemize – satisfies RMD and excluded from income
3. Donor advised funds – take one large deduction in year of contribution then spread out the distributions over multiple future years – could see an increase in donations
4. Churches – donors regularly commit small amounts or a percentage of income – regardless of tax incentives
5. Charities that get most of their donations from higher income taxpayers – who will still be itemizing – will likely be affected less
6. Some taxpayers might still itemize (every other year) by "bunching" their donations – give twice as much every two years.
7. TCJA changes for individuals expires on December 31, 2025
8. No change to unlimited federal estate deduction for gifts to charity and the federal estate tax changes expire on December 31, 2025