



Gorge Community Foundation

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, January 27, 2025

Zoom

Present at Meeting

Branden Buel Megan Davis Lynn Everroad
Chris Moore Tom Schaefer Gil Sharp
Brad Schrick Leslie Wetherell Tucker Szymkowicz

Absent from Meeting

Lisa Neuburger
Nate Reagan

The meeting was called to order by Foundation president Gil Sharp. He called for action on the minutes of December 9, 2024. M/S/P

FINANCIAL REPORT: Current assets are at \$8.9 million. In November the McNaughton-Sylvester donor-advised fund was established; in December the Waucoma Lodge and Nick Laflin funds were established.

GRANT APPROVALS: Twelve donor-advised grants totaling \$18,650.00 were presented for approval. M/S/P

FAMILIES IN THE PARK DISCUSSION: Tom Schaefer consulted with the board on whether they felt that the Families in the Park sponsorship was worthwhile continuing. Consensus was that it was good exposure for the Foundation. Tom advised that he would submit a grant for \$5,000 in February to support the sponsorship this year. Tucker will meet with Mike Schend in the next few months to coordinate.

BOARD REPORTS: Tom reported on a potential new scholarship, in memory of Greg Simpson that he is working on. Megan is reaching out to George Johnson about this year's scholarship. Chris will help to set up meetings with Tucker in Sherman County. The possibility of adding Jill Burnette to the Foundation board meeting will be discussed at the February meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Tucker discussed the upcoming scholarship season and his ongoing meetings with schools where GCF has scholarships, work on scholarship committees and determining critical deadlines and the possibility of moving the March meeting date to accommodate Hood River Valley High School deadlines.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be February 24, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Everroad
Operations Director

