

Gorge Community Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, January 26, 2026
Zoom

Present at Meeting

Jill Burnette
Tom Schaefer

Megan Davis
Gil Sharp

Lynn Everroad
Brad Schrick

Chris Moore
Tucker Szymkowicz

Absent from Meeting

Branden Buel
Nate Reagan
Leslie Wetherell

The meeting was called to order by Foundation president Gil Sharp. He called for action on the minutes of December 1, 2025. M/S/P

FINANCIAL REPORT: Current assets are at \$10.5M. November and January financial reports are not complete due to staff illness. In that period roughly \$90,000 in restricted donations has been received including the final \$30,000 from the HREC to the Waucoma Lodge Fund and a couple of small new funds; memorials for Janet Nunamaker and from a campaign to build up the Salvador Fund. About \$7,000 in unrestricted funds was received including \$1,000 from Jill.

DONOR ADVISED GRANT APPROVALS: Ten donor-advised grants totaling \$21,640 were presented for approval. (attached) M/S/P

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Jill reported that after a series of interviews conducted first by Megan and Lynn and then by the full committee, an offer is being made to Mary Nicolet.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Two changes to the existing fee structure to begin on January 1 were proposed by the committee for board approval: the percentage to be charged to funds with one million will continue to be 1%, lowering to .65 for the second million and to .25 for anything above two million. In addition, a minimum of \$250 will be charged to all funds. M/S/P

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Tucker reported on his scholarship to attend a Council on Foundations meeting in May; the new Ryland and Brittany Moore Fund and the Kenyon Family Fund.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be February 23, 2026, probably an in person meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Everroad
Operations Director

GRANTS
January 26, 2026

FUND	GRANTEE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT	Exempt
Anderson Family Fund	WAGAP	food security	\$1,100.00	yes
	Skyline Health Foundation	general	\$1,200.00	yes
	Friends of the Columbia Gorge	general	\$1,000.00	yes
	White Salmon Valley Pool Metro Park District	build a pool	\$500.00	yes
McNaughton-Sylvester Family Fund	FISH	to be used in Parkdale	\$300.00	yes
	Youth Empowerment Shelter - The Dalles		\$240.00	yes
Don Nunamaker, Realtors Fund	Hood River Valley Adult Center	meals on wheels	\$650.00	yes
	SafeSpace Children's Advocacy Center	general	\$650.00	yes
	of the Gorge			
Chena Fund	Friends of Sunshine Club	general	\$1,000.00	yes
Schaefer Gift Fund	Healthy Living Community	general	\$15,000.00	yes
Approved: January 26, 2026				
TOTAL			\$21,640.00	