Gorge Community Foundation

Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2026
Zoom

Present at Meeting		Absent from Meeting
Megan Davis	Jill Burnette	Nate Reagan
Tom Schaefer	Brad Schrick	Leslie Wetherell
Gil Sharp	Chris Moore	Branden Buel
Lisa Neuburger		Lynn Everroad

Call to Order / Approval of Minutes: The meeting was called to order by Foundation President Gil Sharp. He called for action on the minutes of February 23, 2026. M/S/P

FINANCIAL REPORT: Current assets are down a bit at $10.2M. Community Grant Cycle opening in April with $18,800 available to grant.

GRANT APPROVALS: DAF Grants approved with correction to Yasui fund request and addition of $5000 in Sponsorship funds for GCF from Schaefer fund. . M/S/P

Scholarship Committee Approvals: Scholarship committees for Black in the Gorge and Nick Lafilin completed. M/S/P

Scholarship Approvals– Scholarship committees were still hard at work so approvals were deferred to email approvals.

Board Reports: Jill and Personnel Committee will be transitioning to support role. Tom reported on the Ferguson Wellman dinner he attended with Tucker.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Hood River Scholarship applications are out for review. Tucker asked for feedback on the Kaleidoscope website. The Greg "Bumper" Simpson Scholarship only had one applicant, so he's looking into the possibility of giving it directly to fire and police departments.
Tucker asked for approval of Sponsorship of Min Yasui Legacy Project in Portland which opened discussion around how to feature/market GCF and funds at these sponsored events.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be April 27, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nicolet
Operations Director