

United Way of Whatcom County
Fund Development Committee
September 4, 2025 – 1:00 pm
Virtual - Microsoft Teams

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
3. Tastiest Taco 2025
4. Other business

Attachments:

- Previous Meeting Minutes

United Way of Whatcom County
Fund Development Committee Meeting
Whatcom Center for Philanthropy
August 7, 2025 – 1:00 PM

DRAFT – Meeting Minutes

Committee Attendees: Adrienne Czebator, Rebekah Duffy, Heather Dyer, Spencer Palmer,
Meagan Southworth

Staff/Other Attendees: Patricia Boyce (Co-Chair), Kristi Birkeland (President/CEO), Mike Weinstein

Did Not Attend: John Ayre, Elizabeth Monahan, LaVonne Olsen (Co-Chair)

1. Welcome and Intros

LaVonne Olsen, Committee Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

2. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Boyce asked all present to review the minutes from the June 5, 2025 meeting.

MSA: Palmer/Dyer: Approve June 2025 minutes as presented. Motion passed.

3. Tastiest Taco 2025

UWWC staff have begun updating the marketing materials and reaching out to local restaurants. One restaurant has confirmed

More information will be provided as the event nears and Committee members will be asked to help spread the word.

4. Beach Cat Events

Beach Cat Brewing South Paw will be hosting a monthly “Dolly Night” from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on the third Wednesday of each month starting on August 20th to support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL). This will be an opportunity for the community to learn more about DPIL and to support it. Beach Cat is generously donating \$1 per beverage sold during the event and will include fun activities for kids like story time.

5. Other Business

Heather Dyer shared an opportunity for UWWC to apply for tourism grant funding from The City of Bellingham for “projects that promote economic activity by bringing visitors to Bellingham”. After some brief discussion, the Committee supported further exploring the grant and how it may boost visibility of next year’s (2026) Tastiest Taco event. Dyer will work with UWWC staff to complete the application.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 4th at 1:00 PM via Microsoft Teams.

No other business was presented for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 PM.