

United Way of Whatcom County
Fund Development Committee
October 09, 2025 – 1:00 pm
Virtual - Microsoft Teams

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
3. Golf tournament research
4. Upcoming events – Beach Cat Oct. 15
5. Other business

Attachments:

- Previous Meeting Minutes

United Way of Whatcom County
Fund Development Committee Meeting
Whatcom Center for Philanthropy
September 4, 2025 – 1:00 PM

DRAFT – Meeting Minutes

Committee Attendees: Rebekah Duffy, Heather Dyer, Elizabeth Monahan, LaVonne Olsen (Co-Chair), Spencer Palmer, Meagan Southworth

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

Did Not Attend: John Ayre, Adrienne Czebator

1. Welcome and Intros

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

2. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Olsen asked all present to review the minutes from the August 7, 2025 meeting and the Committee noted a typo regarding Olsen's attendance. Patricia Boyce called the August 2025 meeting to order.

MSA: Southworth/Dyer: Approve August 2025 minutes with noted edit. Motion passed.

3. Tastiest Taco 2025

Eight vendors will participate in the event which will run from September 30th through October 28th. PDF versions of the event posters will be sent out after the meeting and committee members are encouraged to help canvass the city. Books are available via the link on the UWWC events page at \$30 or 2 for \$50.

4. Other Business

The first Dolly Night at Beach Cat Brewing South Paw was a success. UWWC staff is excited for the opportunity to engage with the community in a unique way.

UWWC staff will be tabling at a community resource fair in Lynden on Sunday, September 21st from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Elizabeth Monahan expressed interest in volunteering.

Heather Dyer, Rebekah Duffy, and Spencer Palmer will be volunteering at the upcoming bp Agency Fair on September 16th at the refinery site.

Two former board members have met with UWWC staff to discuss potentially organizing a paddleball tournament fundraiser for Spring 2026. More details will be shared when available.

Another cornhole event may be considered for 2026 but capacity to organize the event and what time during the year are key questions.

Spencer Palmer is gathering information about UWWC hosting a golf tournament in 2026. Palmer has experience organizing golf events in the past and will bring information for the committee to discuss to the next meeting.

The tourism grant discussed during the August 2025 meeting was submitted. Updates will be provided when available

The next meeting was rescheduled to Thursday, October 9th at 1:00 PM via Microsoft Teams.

No other business was presented for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 PM.