

ForeverGreen Council Board Meeting

December 11, 2013

Attended by Jane Moore, Barbara Skinner, Brianna Charbonnel, Shawn Phelps, Chris Beale, Kendall Reid, Kirk Kirkland, David Boe, Bryan Bowden, Dave Seago, Diane Wiatr

Former President Dave Seago called the meeting to order at 12:07. Minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Financial Report Current balance is \$14,786 with an outstanding bill of \$1,077. No more expenses anticipated through the end of the year.

Sponsorships came to \$5350 and major sponsors included Pierce Co. Parks, Metro Parks Tacoma, Tacoma Wheelmen and Boe Architects, among others. After expenses, proceeds of the conference were \$5,694.

Chris Beale introduced and discussed the newly set up Facebook page. Refreshing the page at least once a week with links to trails related articles and news keeps people interested. Everyone was invited to contribute content for the page. General discussion followed with Bryan pointing out that if the Puyallup Watershed Initiative grant request is successful we would have funding to support a robust communications effort.

Bryan reported on the Puyallup Watershed Initiative, reviewing the recent history of the Active Transportation Proposal. There have been four meetings with a broad range of organizational participation. There has been agreement that grant money should be spent to advocate for an increase in number and length of sidewalks, trails and bike lanes. There has been recognition that good access to public transportation supports human powered transportation goals.

ForeverGreen has worked through the grant writing process to try to understand what works and doesn't work according to the expectations of the Russell Family Foundation and the Bonneville Environmental Foundation.

Diane Wiatr questioned whether gaining PWI funding for ForeverGreen would meet the goals of the Active Transportation Community of Interest to remove barriers to developing an Active Transportation Initiative in Pierce County. Brian and Kirk defended ForeverGreen's leadership vision. Diane mentioned particular events that she believed would be of importance: To send 5 women to the National Bike Summit and to educate municipal engineers across the county to prepare them for active transportation.

Meeting adjourned at 1:28.

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