

Community Council 2008—the inaugural year in review

It has been a busy, productive year for the Community Council. From the time the first Board of Directors took office, November 29, 2007, through the end of November 2008, the weeks were filled with visioning; adoption of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws; policy-writing and –implementing; planning; acquainting people in its coverage area (Walla Walla County, Columbia County, and the northeast portion of Umatilla County) with the organization's mission and goals—by public forum, by website, by media releases, and through one-on-one conversations; recruiting members and participants for committees; grant-writing; hiring staff and setting up operations; choosing the 2008-09 Study topic; launching the first Study; and carrying out a grant-funded economic development project.

The 26-member Board of Directors was led by Mary A. Campbell, President; Noah Leavitt, President-elect; Terry Heisey, Secretary; and Jan Foster, Treasurer. Committees actively worked to establish the organization's operating structure. The Community Council was certified as a Washington corporation January 25, 2008; was recognized by the Internal Revenue service February 29, 2008; and its application for tax-exempt status is pending.

Seventy charter members support the new organization. A number of financial donations and many gifts and services have enabled the group to start its work on strong footing. Sherwood Trust provided a very significant three-year grant. Other grant funding has been received from Blue Mountain Community Foundation, the Art and Clara Bald Trust, the George T. Welch Trust, the JL Stubblefield Trust and the Bonnie Braden Foundation.

The Program Committee, chaired by Noah Leavitt, accepted suggestions for the Community Council's first Study project and selected the question: *How can the Walla Walla Region best address children's educational, mental health, and housing stability needs to maximize every child's right to thrive?* The Study Committee, chaired by Roger Bairstow and guided by an eight-member management team, began a weekly curriculum related to that topic. By the end of April 2009, they will release their findings, conclusions and recommendations. About 50 participants have been taking part weekly in the first months of this process.

A second project, Creating a Value-Added Community, was funded by a grant from the Northwest Area Foundation. A group of 30 people is exploring the economic development of the region and, in 2009, will produce a set of baseline and trend indicators for the region's economy.

With strategic planning, the hiring of Executive Director Julie Reese, and continued recruitment of members and leadership, and enthusiastic support of the community, the organization is looking to a strong 2009.

Thank You!

The Community Council mission is to foster a civic culture that inspires a citizen-driven, consensus-based, problem-solving process to prepare the greater Walla Walla area for future growth, change, and challenges to enhance the quality of life for everyone. With your support the organization had a successful first year.

Charter Members

Punkey Adams
Betty Alexander
Pam Allen
Miranda Baerg
Roger Bairstow
Tom Baker
Teri Barila
Doug Barram
Matthew Berube
Kate Bobrow-Strain
Melinda Brennan
Suzanne Broetje
Nancy Butler
Jon A. Campbell
Mary A. Campbell
Sandra Cannon
Craig Christensen
Sonia Cole
Harvey Crowder
Cora Davidson
Matt Eppelsheimer
Greg Forge
Edward Foster
Jan Foster
Lucy Gregoire
Terry Heisey
Wilma Hepker
Joseph Huether
Carlos Jaques
Debbie J. Kelley
Dorothy Knudson
Mary N. Koch
Noah Leavitt
Jodi Lindquist
Roger Lizut
Richard L. McFarland
Keith McMasters
Mira McMasters
Jean Ann Mitchell

Doug Morton
Judy Mulkerin
Larry Mulkerin
Mukulu Mweu
Ray Norsworthy
Richard Pankl
Ann Passmore
Norm Passmore
Jim Peterson
Julie Reese
Carlotta Richardson
Peggy Sanderson
William J. Sanderson
Tom Sawatzki
Cathy Schaeffer
Kevin Scribner
Cynthia Selde
Kathy Small
Anne Strobe
Jan Tegtmeier
Jay Turner
Kelati Weldegaber
Karen Wolf
Steven E. Woolley
Pat Yenney
Jill Zagelow
Robert Zagelow
Debora L. Zalaznik

Grants

Sherwood Trust
Northwest Area
Foundation
Blue Mountain
Community Foundation
Art and Clara Bald Trust
George Welch Trust

Donors

Suzanne Broetje and
Roger Bairstow
Doug Barram
Jock Edwards
Greg Forge
Jan Foster
Chuck and Jeannie
Fulton
Wilma Hepker
Roger Lizut
Ray Norsworthy
Richard and Malinda Pankl
Norm Passmore
Ryan and Julie Reese
Peggy Sanderson
Steven E. Woolley
Anonymous (2)

Gifts and Services

Debbie Zalaznik (sp)
Melinda Porter
Walla Walla
Community College
Port of Walla Walla
St. Paul Episcopal
Church
St. Francis Parish
Walla Walla Housing
Authority
Walla Walla School
District
City of Milton-
Freewater
Dayton Public Library
Blue Mountain
Community Foundation
Mary A. Campbell

Financial Reports 2008
(January 1-November 30)

Balance Sheet

Assets	
Current Assets	
Accounts	\$268,293.08
Accounts Receivable	9,000.00
Other Current Assets	<u>0.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$277,293.08</u>
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	\$ 482.00
Other Current Liabilities	<u>2581.30</u>
Total Liabilities	3063.30
Equity	
Unrestricted Equity	
Net Income	<u>274,229.78</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$274,229.78</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$277,293.08</u>

Profit and Loss

Income	
Program Revenues	1,902.99
Public Support	
Donations	2890.00
Grants	318,000.00
In-Kind Donations	622.00
Memberships	<u>680.00</u>
Total Public Support	322,192.00
Restrictions Released	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income	\$324,095.19
Expenses	
General and Administrative	15,548.66
Marketing & Promotion	16.17
Occupancy	1,668.94
Personnel	31,714.57
Program	<u>917.07</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 49,865.41</u>
Net Operating Income	<u>\$274,229.78</u>
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