

Fort Nisqually Foundation Board Report November 2023

From the Board

Fort Nisqually Foundation is pleased and proud to be continuing its financial support and advocacy for Fort Nisqually Living History Museum.

We are grateful for the enthusiastic support of grantors and donors.

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Katrinka Marrie, President
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John Simpkins
Amanda McGinn
Lawrence Bradley

Endowment and Membership

Building the Foundation's endowment is the best way to ensure there will always be funds available to support the Museum's needs.

The Foundation encourages your participation in the Museum's membership program, managed by Metro Parks Tacoma

Become an Museum member! Donate to the Foundation!

Report

During 2022 and into 2023, the Foundation has supported the operational needs of the Fort Nisqually Living History Museum (FNLHM) while focusing on board recruitment and preparing for the upcoming capital campaign.

The Foundation has continued to fund school tour scholarships to ensure all students have access to the Museum. In 2023, this funding returned to pre-COVID levels. The Foundation has taken on the essential role of operating the bar for Museum events that require liquor sales. The Foundation also provided bookkeeping support to the Museum when it hosted the 2022 National ALHFAM conference. The Museum has requested less operating support for other activities than in years past. This has enabled the Foundation to build its cash reserves for upcoming capital projects, as well as for emergency funding -- as was needed during COVID 19.

Two new members joined the board of the Foundation this past year. Amand McGinn has a background in marketing, communications and tech. She's interested in preserving the diverse history and experiences the fort offers. She is also interested in preserving local Indigenous culture and is a member of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe. Lawrence Bradley is a long-time Fort volunteer, known for his alter-ego Thornhill and skill in the Fort's kitchen, and brings a passion for the Fort and its volunteers.

Plans for the capital campaign are still in their infancy. We know we will be fundraising for construction work related to the stabiliziation and restoration of The Sale Shop and The Kitchen, and possibly also The Wash House.

Fundraising goals are pending a design plan and budget for the construction work. We expect funds will include cash on hand, grants, and individual donations. In preparation for fundraising activities, the Foundation has increased the Foundation's presence at Fort events, held awareness-building events such as the Porch Party, and met with potential partners and consultants.

Financial Summary, Fiscal Year 2022

Income

\$10,26.76	Individual Contributions
\$357.64	Retail Rebate Programs
\$3,989.76	Metro Parks Legacy Campaign gifts
\$450.00	Matching Contributions
\$150.00	DipJar Donations
\$1,767.00	Market Donations
\$330.56	CLT-cocoa sales
\$2,500.00	Jerry V. Ramsey and Elaine Perdue Ramsey Endowment
\$21,600.00	Glenn Sutt Legacy Endowment
636.38	Other Income
\$58,792.78	Total Income

Disbursements to FNLHM

\$4,344.73	Volunteer and Event Support
\$1,433.00	School Tour Scholarships
\$6,392.89	Total Disbursements

Fundraising & Business Expenses

\$135.00	License and Registration fees
\$247.11	Bank and Merchant Card Fees
\$357.37	Website/database
\$1,051.00	Insurance
\$4,255.00	Accountant
\$2,500.00	MPT/Bond Campaign
\$896.58	Business and Board Expenses
\$6,929.03	Foundation Staff, payroll and supplies
\$16,371.09	Total Foundation Operations

	Accounts	End 2021	End 2022
	Cash Accounts	\$151,907	\$173,236
	Glenn Sutt Legacy Endowment	\$593,039	\$500,138
	Total Assets	\$744,946	\$673,378

	Accounts	As of Oct. 31, 2023
	Cash Accounts	\$191,192
	Glenn Sutt Legacy Endowment	\$515,597
	Total Assets	\$706,789