

Mbomar27 (Thu, 18 Jul 2019 at 11:30 AM)

Hi Fox,

This is Mike Bomar, the current Treasurer for the Citizens for Ridgefield Schools. Thank you for bringing this to our attention. We take transparency and reporting requirements very seriously and intend to address this issue fully. I have reviewed the complaint from Mr. Morgan and it does appear that we exceeded the anonymous contribution limit in 2016. I plan to review our records from that year and will see if I am able to file an amended report with more details to bring us into compliance. Unfortunately, I was not the PDC person that year for the committee, and the treasurer at the time was not aware of this RCW. I believe this amount is an aggregate total of a series of small (mostly \$5 to \$10) donations from our annual fundraiser (generally about 150 attendees) that year. As it stands, it appears as though we raised a total of \$47,792 in 2016 so our acceptable anonymous amount in total would be \$477. Is that correct? Mr. Morgan was using the \$300 limit in his complaint.

It is important to note that in advance of this complaint, we have taken the following actions:

1. New Treasurer - I have PDC reporting experience (albeit it was from about 10 years ago before I started with this group). The previous treasurer had bookkeeping experience, but not PDC reporting.
2. We have changed our fundraiser procedures to ensure that we capture as much detail as we can for each donation.

In addition, we are going to review this complaint with our Board to ensure compliance going forward. I am going to recommend the following actions: 1) We no longer accept any anonymous donations (small cash contributions). 2) Our PDC reporter will be required and other committee members encouraged to review a seminar, training, or webinar annually to give us the best understanding on how to stay in compliance going forward.

I welcome your ideas on options for us to resolve this specific complaint. I also have some clarifying questions about the RCW cited in the complaint. Please let me know if I can direct those to you or if there is another person at the PDC best suited to respond to those questions.

Thank you so much for your service and time on this matter.

Best regards,

Mike Bomar, CFRS Treasurer  
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Mbomar27 (Wed, 31 Jul 2019 at 8:13 AM)

Good morning Mx. Blackhorn,

I have reviewed the paperwork from our 2016 campaign and have a better understanding of what happened in regards to the large amount of anonymous contributions. It appears a small amount of

that was from \$15 donations made at various times throughout the year. The larger sum appears to be from our January auction and fundraiser that year. I have a list of everyone who attended that event and we have a sheet that shows a total amount of cash receipts that were collected but not able to be connected to an individual donor. Unfortunately, there was a disconnect between some of the volunteers and the person reporting the contributions and some of the paperwork needed to file individual details about donors was discarded after the event. This was noted at the time as a significant issue and subsequent fundraisers were adjusted to better account for individual donations. I would be happy and willing to submit the papers associated with this event if that would be helpful. Also, while it appears that I do have every paper copy of that year's C3's and C4's, I have not been able to locate the ORCA file to be able to make any amended reports from details that I do have.

Given that we have made significant changes to our policies and practices since this event, we respectfully request that we are given a warning under the enforcement options available to the department:

<https://www.pdc.wa.gov/learn/publications/enforcement-guide/minor-violations-resolved-through-reminder-or-warning>

Since receiving the complaint, our committee, most of whom were not part of the group in 2016, has voted to no longer accept any anonymous donations of any amount going forward. We would also appreciate any opportunities to receive regular trainings or updates on PDC regulations so that this type of oversight does not occur in the future.

I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you and/or a Filer Assistant Specialist to ensure that we have responded to this complaint to everyone's satisfaction and that we have complied with all requirements to the best of our abilities.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mike Bomar  
2019 CFRS Treasurer.

CC:  
Georgianna Jones, Campaign Manager  
Jim Maul, CFRS Committee Chair