Vinson Fund Committee

Meeting Minutes January 6, 2015

Present: Sharon McGrane, Brent Purvis, Daniel Barnett, Lesley Mann, Amy Anderson, Tiane Shoemaker, Kathy Ahlenslager, City Council rep- Dorothy Bergin .

<u>Mission statement</u>: Daniel presented his proposal and committee discussed and the final statement agreed on is:

The purpose of the Vinson Fund committee is to fulfill the wishes of the late Robert Vinson by enhancing the cultural enrichment of the citizens of Colville and the Colville region.

<u>Graphics/logo design:</u> Amy reported on her design work on the logo- discussed wording under the logo and letterhead design and colors. She will take ideas and report back next meeting.

<u>Application:</u> Discussed the ideas for this document and Sharon will put these together and send out for review with the plan to finalize the application at the next meeting. She also developed a second document for use with the application to help applicants with criteria and types of events a Vinson program might look like per the bequest.

<u>Sound System:</u> Discussed issues presented by Dorothy related to the sound system. Below is the text of a letter she wrote to the committee:

Further consideration to be given would include clarification of our status as a Public Fund, our relationship with the City, and events that are city sanctioned and administered. The City does not select the programming, but it does have to approve it and administer the funding. This question arises because of the consideration of providing technical production equipment for events other than those we ourselves produce. If we provide the equipment free of charge to others, it would be construed as gifting, which for the City is a no-no. If we charge for the use of the equipment, then we are competing with our commercial constituency, which for the City is also a no-no.

As for our own use, I wonder how long it would take for us to need it and once obtained, how often would that happen. \$5,000, \$8,000, or \$15,000 is a lot of money for equipment only occasionally used...plus appropriate storage, transport, management and operation, etc. Perhaps an inventory of equipment available at the various area venues or the current equipment rental or service providers would be more appropriate for now. If that information were available, we could provide it to those who might have need.

<u>Summer program ideas:</u> The committee continues to discuss ideas for a summer program in the park developed by the committee to kick off the Vinson Fund. Ideas include a small touring group of the Spokane Symphony, a pianist, a string quartet, jazz group from Spokane or another professional musical group. More discussion is planned.

<u>Miscellaneous:</u> Lesley agreed to contact Tim Coleman of the Kettle Range Conservation Group to discuss the use of the Vinson logo on his PR and program for the film festival scheduled for February and March showings.

Next meeting is: Tuesday February 3rd at 4pm

Submitted by: Lesley Mann

Agenda: Tuesday February 3rd

*Approve Vinson Fund Grant Application

*Approve criteria of a Vinson Fund Program

*Approve Graphics and Logo

*Revisit sound system discussion

*Discuss grant request from the Kettle Falls Crossroads Stage Committee

*Discuss 2015 program ideas