

# Vinson Fund Committee

## Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2015

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

**Minutes:** Minutes from the January meeting did not get distributed due to an email glitch. They will be sent with the February minutes.

**Application for Vinson funds, logo, mission statement and criteria for a Vinson project:** There was some discussion about the criteria as written and added to the list was: “capital improvements that will allow or assist in the forgoing activities.” This criterion was one of 6 examples of the use of the funds and part of the original ordinance No. 1512 N.S passed by the City Council establishing the Vinson Committee.

Kathy suggested that some history on Robert Vinson be put on the website to give those curious or applying for funds more information about his life.

These documents were approved by consensus and will all be on the web site.

There was a question from Tiane concerning the situation when the committee approves Vinson funds for an event and then the event does not occur for some reason. What then happens to the funds? Discussion followed with the point being made that it would depend on what the funds were being used to do related to a cultural event.

Tiane presented a document with criteria for the committee to use in evaluating an application for Vinson funds.

Amy will complete the logo design for letterhead.

**Sound System:** There had been prior discussion on the possible purchase of a sound system using Vinson funds. Clarification of the committee’s position at this time is needed. The sound system could only be used when the committee puts on a concert. It cannot be used for other performances in the community free of charge as that is considered gifting and if there was a charge for this equipment that is considered competition with other sound businesses in the area.

The committee agreed to table this issue for now.

**Review of applications for Vinson Funds:**

1. The Kettle Falls Crossroads Stage Committee requested \$5000 for the construction of a stage in Happy Dell Park in Kettle Falls. The committee agreed that building expenses do not meet the criteria intended in the Vinson bequest. Kathy A. made a motion to deny and it was seconded by Amy A. and passed by the committee. Discussion pointed out that Vinson funds might support the events held there after the stage is constructed. Lesley will send a letter to notify the stage committee via Dave Keeley, City of Kettle Falls planner. Lesley also agreed to call Dave to discuss the reasons behind the denial of funds.

2. The Colville Rodeo application was submitted by Lori Matlock who is coordinating the rodeo event in June. She is requesting \$500 for publicity costs. Discussion by the committee centered around the rodeo itself being a recurring event and that it does not offer enhanced cultural enrichment opportunities as it is being presented in this application. The committee discussed ideas that might be considered an enhancement in considering Vinson funding for this event. Daniel B. made a motion to deny the application as written and Kathy A. seconded and this was passed by the committee. Tiane will make personal contact with Lori Matlock to discuss Vinson funding criteria and the idea of using funds for enhancement of this already existing event. Lesley will send a letter notifying her of denial of the grant application as presented.

**Deadline for applications:** The committee agreed to allow applications to float in for now since the fund is so new for the community. A proposal was put on the table by Tiane and discussed for an October 1 deadline for the following year. The idea of a biennial deadline was discussed. An October 1 deadline would cover January to June and a March 1 deadline would cover July to December.

**PR on the fund:** Anne brought up the need for an article. Sharon will write an article using pictures of the Robert Vinson and family from the museum.

**2015 Vinson Committee event:** Discussion continued with additional ideas being presented:

Amy-Montana artist, Alan McNeil

Daniel-Folkloric dancing group, Cielo de Mexico, from Pasco

Daniel suggested that the committee develop an arts calendar.

For the March meeting committee members are encouraged to bring their ideas or consider the ideas others have presented. If you find a group you want to present, it is suggested you send it out via email prior to the next meeting with a website link. Cost, event venue, and dates need to be considered.

Submitted by: L Mann

Agenda for the March 3 Meeting of the Vinson Fund Committee

\*Discuss suggestions for possible Vinson Programs in 2015