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Vinson Fund Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2015

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

Old Business: Discussed contact made by committee members Tiane and Lesley with two applicants. for Vinson funds reviewed at the Feb. meeting. Tiane spoke with Lori Matlock regarding the Colville Rodeo fund request to discuss ideas to expand her application. She is looking into a cowboy poet.

New Business:

New Application: Reviewed a new application submitted by Jake Wilson with the City Rec. Dept. requesting funds for a band to play at the 25 year celebration following the Tiger Tri event in July. The committee wants more specifics regarding the costs and the potential musical groups being considered. Generally the committee agreed this event meets Vinson funding criteria. A copy of the agreement, quote or contract for the band selected will be needed to attach to the application. Annie will make contact with Jake Wilson regarding the need for more specifics on this application prior to review and approval of the application.

Changes to application format: This lead the committee to a discussion about additional wording needed on the funding application budget page. Applicants will be asked to include a copy of the agreement, quote or contract with the artists approached for an event. Sharon moved to add this language and Kathy seconded with unanimous approval by the committee.

Regarding the application format on line, Daniel suggested that we make the document in a 'fillable pdf format'. Sharon will speak to Holly Pannell about this possibility.

Newspaper article: Sharon reports she completed an article about the Vinson funds and submitted it to the Colville newspaper via Sophia Aldous.

2015 Vinson Committee events: Lesley proposed that the group consider **Flambeau**, a Cajun/ Zydeco group that plays internationally. The lead is Tom Rigney playing an electric fiddle and they have played locally in the past for events. The cost will be around \$5000 but this is not a firm figure at this time. The group is open the weekend of Colville Rendezvous and the committee agreed this would be a good way to expand the musical offerings of that weekend and a way for the committee to partner with this annual event. Daniel made a motion to ask Flambeau to perform if this Rendezvous date of Aug 1 is available for them. Tiane seconded. The motion passed.

Lesley will contact Tom Rigney of Flambeau and Steve Oswin who arranges the entertainment for Rendezvous and manages the sound equipment.

Daniel brought up the **Folklorico group, Cielo de Mexico**, and the committee discussed a venue for them and possible dates and a way to work in school performances when they come to the area. Cinco de Mayo was offered as a possible date (or around that time) to bring the group here. Daniel will communicate with the group to get more details on availability and costs. Since it is a large group, lodging will need to be considered.

Amy brought forward the Montana artist McNeil for possible classes and will make contact with him.

Sharon suggested the male a Capella group, On the Rocks, from Eugene Oregon for a possible fall performance. The idea of combining this kind of concert with a visual artist was proposed.

Other ideas suggested were: Tall Heights, a cello, guitar and vocal indie group ; possible art lessons by an artist through the Recreation Dept. or other partner group and Crooked Still, musical group.

Submitted by: Lesley Mann

AGENDA for April 7, 2015

*Continue discussion of possible programs