

**Acker Trust Board  
Presentation Meeting  
March 19, 2009  
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA**

MINUTES OF THE **Presentation Meeting** OF THE **Acker Trust Board** held on **March 19, 2009** in the **Rowle P. Simmons Community Center** located at **1280 E. Rosser St**, Prescott, Arizona.

**1. Roll Call & Approval of Minutes from 04/09/2008 Meeting**

Members Present: Judy Steward, Bob Beyea, Maggie Greenwood

Others Present: Debbie Horton, Councilman Luzius, Kevin Kellogg, Michelle Stacy

Motion was made by Maggie Greenwood to accept the minutes from the meeting held on April 9, 2008. Motion was seconded by Bob Beyea. Motion passed- All Approved

**2. Financial Review-** Mark Woodfill, City of Prescott Finance- Kevin Kellogg of the Finance Department gave a brief description on what funding is available to applicants for Fiscal Year 2010. The figures were not clear so Finance will be asked back to the Distribution meeting being held on Thursday, April 9.

**3. FY2010 Grant Application Presentations- Five Minute Presentations from:**

**A. Barbershop Harmony Society-** Lynn Grubb explained that the Barbershop Harmony Society is looking to provide a Choral Festival and Barbershop Harmony clinics at Prescott High School. The purpose of the festival and workshops is to introduce barbershop harmony to boys and men, 5<sup>th</sup> grade and above, and encourage them to sing.

Lynn explained that this program has been very successful throughout California and Arizona and it would be the first of its kind in Prescott. The festival and workshops will take place at the Ruth St. Theater at Prescott High School and will be concluded with a performance by all the participants in front of their parents and peers. The Barbershop Harmony is asking for funding in the amount of \$1200.00 to help fund the cost of putting on the festival and clinics

**B. Chaparral MusicFest 2010-** Maria Flurry was on hand to present the Chaparral MusicFest 2010. Maria explained that due in part to the funding from the Acker Trust Board in 2009, their percussion and string camps were very successful. This year they are looking to add a choral camp. The purpose of these camps enrich the community through music and each camp is precluded by a performance by camp participants for their parents. Each camp is taught by quality trained professional instructors. Chaparral is requesting funding in the amount of \$2000.00 to help offset the cost of putting on the camps.

**C. City of Prescott Parks and Recreation-** Diana Fister of Prescott Parks and Recreation was on hand to request funding replace a piece of broken park play-area equipment at Goldwater Lake. She stated that it has been 20 years since the City has had a need to approach the Board for funding, but at this point there are no other resources to tap into. The City is requesting funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 to purchase the Dinosaur shaped play-area equipment.

**D. Elks Opera House Foundation-** Dawn Castaneda was on hand to request funding for a children's theater camp, to be held during the school intercession breaks. The camps will be held at the Grace Sparkes Activity Center on Gurley Street. The camps will take place twice during the summer and then in October, December and March. The camps will teach the children all aspects of theater production such as, set production, sound, lighting, costume design and much more. Each camp will be concluded with a performance by the children for their parents. Elks Opera House Foundation is requesting funding in the amount of \$8,800.00.

**E. J.S. Acker Music Park Association, Inc-** Marion Smith was on hand to request funding from the Board to help equip children to perform in Acker activities and other performances around the City. Johann Glidden, a youth performer, was also present to perform for the Board. Marion stated that the J.S. Music Park Association would like the funding to give out scholarships for youth instruction that will give proper training and knowledge to the youth of Prescott and turn those same youths will give back to their community. The Association is requesting funding in the amount of \$30,000.00.

**F. Mountain Oak School-** Marlene Sullivan of Mountain Oak School came to request funding to purchase 35 instruments for their junior high music program. Marlene stated that this is a fairly new program and already have the students in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades purchasing their own wooden recorders and other instruments. With the help of the Acker Trust funds, the school will be able to purchase instruments that they can keep at the school and be able to use them for future students. This past year the students of the school who participated in the music class played a performance at the Elks Opera House for family, friends and the community. The request is for funding in the amount of \$5,050.00.

**G. New Adventures Child Development Center-** Carol Kirkpatrick of New Adventures Pre-School was on hand to request funding from the Board to help pay for an experienced music teacher to teach 20 to 25 3-5 year olds. The classes will be hands on and explorative and will consist of 3 six week sessions. The children will also be introduced to many musical and cultural experiences by attending performances at Yavapai College, Elks Opera House, Prescott Performing Arts and Sharlot Hall. New Adventures is requesting funding in the amount of \$1,440.00

**H. Prescott Fine Arts Association-** Cheri Friedman came on behalf of the Prescott Fine Arts Association to request funding for the 27<sup>th</sup> year of Youth

Scholarships. She stated that this past year \$16,400 in scholarships were handed out to 1989 students, in which 100 were from Prescott in FY09. The scholarships are used to enhance musical training through additional music lessons and on instrument purchase and/or repair. She also stated that the scholarships handed out have a long term effect in the aspect that past recipients continue to perform around the country and abroad. The Association is requesting funding in the amount of \$5,500.00.

**I. Prescott Jazz Summit-** Glenna Hudson was on hand to request funding for the 2009 Prescott Jazz Summit, which will take place in August at the Ruth St. Theater. During the Summit, clinics and workshops will be held for high school music students. Professional musicians will be on hand to teach the clinics and work with the students for free. A portion of the money raised at the festival by selling tickets and programs gets donated back to the Prescott High School music program. They anticipate 150-175 performers who will close the Summit with a performance. The Jazz Summit will be free to all children accompanied by an adult. Prescott Jazz Summit is requesting funding in the amount of \$2,500.00.

**J. Prescott POPs Symphony-** Malcolm Romeiser was on hand to request funding for the Prescott Pops scholarship program. Recipients of the scholarships have performed in the Music Memory Concert and various performances around the City. This year there will be 5 performances by the POP's, including 2 this summer. This year the organization hopes to have it's Music Start program teach 30-35 students during its summer camp. The POP's is requesting funding in the amount of \$4,500.00 to help provide scholarships to the youth of Prescott.

**K. Prescott YMCA- Standing Tall Curriculum-** Jessica Leary of the YMCA came to request funding to purchase a Standing Tall "Character Counts" curriculum for their youth day care program. This curriculum will teach the aspects of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility among others to 300 students annually and will be used for several years. Each child that learns the character traits and uses those traits will be given color-coded beads to correspond to the color of the character trait. The YMCA is requesting funding in the amount of \$250.00 to purchase the curriculum.

**L. Prescott YMCA- Concerts in the Park-** Prescott YMCA is also requesting funding for a Concert in the Park series to be held at Lindquist Family Park. The concert series will provided entertainment for families at the cost of \$1 per family during the summer months. The program could serve as many as 100 kids at on time. The YMCA is requesting funding in the amount of \$2000.00

**M. Primavera School, Inc-** Carol Darrow with Primavera School, Inc. was on hand to request funding for their "Field of Dreams". This field which will be built on school grounds has already been started but the school is looking for help to complete the funding of the \$62,000 needed to complete it. The filed will offer physical and educational opportunities for the children attending the school as well

as other students in Prescott. The field will be utilized by the Kids and Company school intercession program offered by Prescott Unified School District. The field will also provide a venue for outdoor concerts to be viewed by the public. The school is requesting funding in the amount of \$20,420.00 to help with the lighting turf and seating needs for the field.

**N. Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters-** Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters is looking for funding to help bring quality musical education to “little’s” who cannot afford it. YBBBS is partnering with the Tri-City Music Academy to offer 3 month scholarships to Prescott little’s who qualify. Funding from the board will benefit 8 to 10 kids in receiving quality musical training. The end result would be a performance by the little’s at the Acker Music Showcase in December. YBBBS is requesting funding in the amount of \$3,500.00 to help with the instrument rental for approved little’s.

**O. Yavapai College Community Events- Artist in Residence-** Julie Moss was on hand to request funding for the Artist in Residence program at Yavapai College. This program has been funded by the Acker Trust Board for the last 13 years. The program is set-up to meet the school curriculum standards of the Prescott Unified School District. Prescott students from Kindergarten to High School are introduced to different types of theater art, cultures and stories through this program. This year the program will be offering 8 shows that will cater to over 9,000 students. They are requesting funding in the amount of \$10,000.00

**P. Yavapai College Foundation- Sculpture Garden Improvement-** The Foundation is requesting funding for park improvements to a new 1-acre parcel of public Sculpture Garden at the Yavapai College- Prescott Campus. The garden will be accessible via the College and will be open to College, high school and elementary art students and classes. The Foundation is requesting funding in the amount of \$10,000.00.

**Q. Yavapai College Foundation- Yavapai College Trail-** The Foundation is also requesting funding to provide informative signage along the Yavapai College Trail. The signage that they are looking at purchasing will be very low maintenance for deterioration and graffiti removal. The trail itself will be used by schools, families, bicyclists and a benefit Walk-A-Thon. The signs will display local flora and fauna found along the trail, as well the cultural history of the area. The Foundation is requesting funding for this project in the amount of \$4,584.00.

**R. Yavapai Symphony Guild-** Cheryl Friedman and Vivian Cook were on hand to thank the Acker Trust Board for their funding amount for the 2009 Music in Memory Concert. The event was held at Tim’s Toyota Center in Prescott Valley and was seen by 1,176 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders from the Tri-City area. Part of the program involves youth mentors going into the elementary classrooms and playing their instruments for the younger students. Some of the funding goes towards programs

for the concert that each person in attendance receives. The Guild is requesting funding in the amount of \$4340.00.

**4. Discussion and Vote to Approve Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-** A motion was made by Bob Beyea to table the budget discussion until the Distribution meeting. The motion was motion was seconded by Maggie Greenwood. Motion passed, all approved. A representative from the Finance Department will be on hand to go over the budget for Fiscal Year 2010.

**5. Application Discussion-** A brief discussion was had in regards to the request from the Yavapai College Artist in Residence Program. Bob Beyea posed the question of whether or not the program has other funding sources. Judy Steward, as Chairwoman of the board, will speak with the Steve Walker of the Yavapai College Foundation to see if the Foundation could possibly fund the program.

**6. Adjournment-** Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm

**Next Scheduled Meeting: TBD**