

City of Prescott Acker Trust MINUTES

City of Prescott Acker Trust Board
General Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2012
2:00pm

Grace Sparkes Memorial Activity Center
Flagstone Room
824 E. Gurley St
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA
(928) 777-1122

MINUTES OF THE **Presentation Meeting** OF THE **Acker Trust Board** held on **February 7, 2012** in the **Grace Sparkes Activity Center Flagstone Room** located at **824 E. Gurley St**, Prescott, Arizona.

City of Prescott Acker Trust Board

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Jim McCasland, Seymour Petrovsky, Steve Stazenski, Maggie Greenwood

Others Present: Joe Baynes, Mark Woodfill, Councilman Chris Kuknyo, Michelle Stacy-Schroeder, Glenna Hudson, Elisabeth Ruffner, Heather Brown, Tim McShane, Carl Mueller, Bob Huck, Shari Sterling, Nicole McNally, Carol Friedman

2. Financial Review- Mark Woodfill, City of Prescott Finance

Mark gave a financial overview for the Acker Trust account. Currently the account has a balance of \$616,490, but stated that not all of the allocated funds from FY2012 have been expended (only \$4,500). Mark stated that the interest rate is starting to improve. Currently the interest accrued is \$6,119 and it is looking like the interest accrued by June 30, 2010 could be approximately \$12,000.00.

3. Acker Trust History Review-

Board member Jim McCasland gave a brief history on the City of Prescott Acker Trust. The will, dated March of 1949, details the giving of the estate to the City of Prescott, to be used for Parks and for the promotion of Music particularly for children. Jim stated that since the creation of the City of Prescott Acker Trust, the boards have made recommendations and sold properties at auction for the betterment of the community. The board started as 3 members but was changed to 5 members in 1996. It was the board that set

the application process, with the primary idea of using the money for music programs and only for children whom live in Prescott. Jim also noted that there are two other groups that use the J.S. Acker name but are not to be confused with the City of Prescott Acker Trust. Those groups are the J.S. Acker Music Park Association, who run the Acker Music Night in December and the Friends of Acker Park, who spearheaded the saving of land that is now known as Acker Park on Virginia St..

4. FY2013 Grant Application Presentations- Five Minute Presentations from:

A. Yavapai Symphony Guild- Carol Freidman was on hand to present for Yavapai Symphony Guild and their Music memory Program. This event is held at Tim's Toyota Center and is open to all 3rd through 5th graders I Yavapai County and is an introduction to classical music, and this year they will be introduced to opera music in the form of Gilbert and Sullivan. The Guild is requesting funding in the amount of \$6013.00 to offset the cost for the Prescott school children attending which is 38% of the total.

B. Chaparral MusicFest- Glenna Hudson was on hand to present for the Chaparral MusicFest. The Musicfest is a collection of week long camps for piano, violin, coral music, both adult and children and a chamber music academy. At the end of the camps, students perform a concert for family and friends. Chaparral MusicFest is requesting funding in the amount of \$2000 to help offset camp scholarships for Prescott students. Most recently the City of Prescott Acker Trust funded Chaparral in FY11, but the funding was never requested for disbursement.

C. Elks Opera House Foundation- Elisabeth Ruffner was on hand to present for the Elks Opera House Foundation. The Foundation is putting on a play based on the book, The Elk in the Attic, by Christopher Hoy. The Foundation is requesting funding in the amount of \$2000. The funding would be used to help offset costs for costumes and production.

D. Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary- Heather Brown was on hand to present for the Heritage Park Zoo. Each year the Zoo offers a zoo camp to children aged 5 to 12. The camp teaches kids about animals through direct contact and music as well. The Zoo is requesting funding in the amount of \$1400 to help send 8 Prescott school children to camp who cannot afford the cost of \$175.

E. Kiwanis Club of Prescott- Community Foundation- Tim McShane was on hand to present on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Prescott. Tim explained that every year the Kiwanis Club holds an auction that benefits the children of Prescott. He and President Carl Mueller both explained that the Kiwanis club also gives funding and supports other organization is Prescott and have done so since the 1920's. The Kiwanis Club is requesting funding in the amount of \$47,250 to help purchase updated software and hardware used during their auction, which is broadcast on the local cable access, Channel 13.

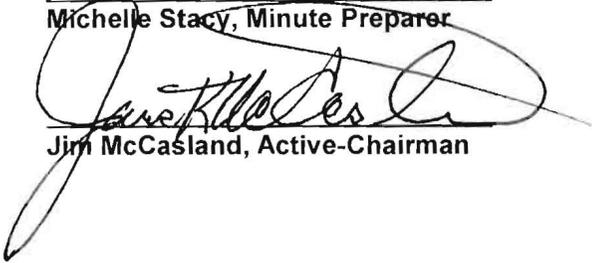
F. Prescott Unified School District- Kids and Company- Sheri Sterling and Nicole McNally were on hand to present for Kids and Company. This a tuition based after school program offered by the Prescott Unified School District but is limited to funding based on the number of children that are registered. Kids and Company is requesting funding in the amount of \$8209.03 to help purchase guitars and music sheets, and to pay music instructors to establish a music program for the after school program. Both ladies are aware that if funding is granted and the program ceases to exist, that the items purchased will need to come back to the City of Prescott Acker Trust.

5. Discussion and Vote to Approve Budget for Fiscal Year 2013- Maggie Greenwood made a motion to set the budget for Fiscal Year 2013 as up to, but not to exceed \$10,000.00. The motion was seconded Steve Stazenski. The motion passed in favor unanimously.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Prescott City Hall and on the City's website on **Feb 27, 2012** at **4:00 p.m.** in accordance with the statement filed with the City Clerk's Office.

Michelle Stacy, Minute Preparer


Jim McCasland, Active-Chairman