



# City of Prescott Acker Trust MINUTES

**City of Prescott Acker Trust Board  
General Meeting  
Wednesday, March 23, 2016  
3:00pm**

**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 **March 23, 2016** 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:** Michael Gjede, Linda Nichols, Val Ripley, and Steve Stazenski

**Members Not Present:** Robert Collins

**Others Present:** Joe Baynes, Michelle Stacy-Schroeder, Mark Woodfill, Patti Crouse, Michele Kishlansky, Katherine Shields, Virginia Rayner, Cindy Roe, Joe Place, Mary Layman

2. **Financial Review-** Mark Woodfill, City of Prescott Finance Director, presented an overview of the Acker Trust Financials. Presently the fund has an ending fund balance in the amount of \$572,838 with an accrued interest revenue total of \$2175.

Mark stated that he anticipates the interest accrued to be similar to last year's return. Mark stated that interest income over the years has been approximately \$18,000 per year.

Val Ripley asked if aside from the balance sheet does the board have latitude in distribution of funds. Joe Baynes stated that the Board may decide to use more of the funds as the Board makes recommendations to the City Council for expenditures from the trust fund.

3. **FY2017 Grant Application Presentations- Five Minute Presentations-**

- A. Abia-Judd Elementary School** – Michele Kishlansky presented to the Board on behalf of Abia Judd Elementary School. Abia Judd is requesting funding in the amount of \$3864.58 to be used to purchase four sets of flipFORM risers, which allow for each student to stand on the stage during musical performances. They anticipate 469 students will be served through the thirteen concerts planned this year.
- B. Chaparral Musicfest-** Catherine Shields presented to the Board on behalf of the Chaparral MusicFest. Chaparral MusicFest is requesting funding in the amount of \$2,500 to provide scholarships for children in Prescott whose families have limited financial resources. The scholarship recipients will then perform in an end of season musical showcase. Catherine noted that this program has received funding from the Acker Trust for several years, most recently for fiscal year 2016. This year there will be two events with one being the Suzuki Academy and the other being a Chamber Music Workshop both to build leadership and social skills for the youth.
- C. LaTierra Community School** – Mary Layman presented to the Board on behalf of La Tierra Community School. The School is requesting funding in the amount of \$2350.74 to fund their “Power of the Playground” projects which would add musical elements to the overall design improvements planned for the schoolyard. Specifically, the School is hoping to purchase a sound tube, musical fence and hank drum all of which would be securely mounted at the playground.
- D. Mountain Oak School** – Cindy Roe presented to the Board on behalf of Mountain Oak School. Mountain Oak School is requesting funding in the amount of \$3500. The funds would be used toward the purchase of violins along with maintenance of instruments and salaries for after school teachers. Their program features a Waldorf-based curriculum. The music program will serve 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders on violin, 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders on recorders and 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the chorus and on percussion.
- E. Prescott POPS Symphony Orchestra** – Joe Place presented to the Board on behalf of the Prescott POPS Symphony Orchestra. The Orchestra is requesting funding in the amount of \$8950. The funds would be used toward stipends for travel for the students as well as college scholarships and mentorships for students in the program. The POPS generally sees attendance from 500 to 1100 people to their concerts. Concerts are held at Yavapai College Performing Arts Center. Joe stated that they do charge admission to their concerts and approximately 50.9% of ticket sale revenue goes to the POPS after paying for the venue.
- F. Yavapai Symphony Association-** Virginia Rayner presented to the Board on behalf of the Yavapai Symphony Association. The Association is requesting

funding in the amount of \$2,650 to help partially fund a one-day Master's Class by the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra musicians. Virginia explained that these Master musicians will go into Prescott schools to instruct music instrument techniques and perform. The musicians will do this at four schools in Prescott. This one day effort will serve approximately 250 to 350 students.

- 4. Discussion of Acker Trust Application Requirements-** Michelle Stacy-Schroeder presented to the Board an overview of the Acker Trust reading the mission statement from the Trust itself. Linda Nichols asked about guidelines the Board should follow when determining where funds would be granted. Michelle stated that there are no guidelines other than those stated regarding serving youth in Prescott through music appreciation. Michelle explained to the Board the difference between the three separate Acker Organizations, two of which are not overseen by the City. Steve Stazenski reiterated that the Board has the ability to determine grant expenditures over the interest earned amounts. The process moving forward was discussed focusing on the next meeting of April 20, 2016 where the Board will vote on the budget and grant distributions for fiscal year 2017.
- 5. ACTION TAKE - Adjournment-** Michael Gjede made a motion to adjourn at 4:30pm. The motion was seconded by Val Ripley. Motion passed favorably- all in favor.

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#### 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 **March 29, 2016** at **4:00 p.m.** in accordance with the statement filed with the City Clerk's Office.

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**Patti Crouse, Minute Preparer**

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**Steve Stazenski, Chairman**