

Stewart Indian School Cultural Center

Museum Director Bobbi Rahder and Curator Chris Ann Gibbons

Report to Nevada Indian Commission Board: November 20, 2017

Leadership and Organization Structure

- Worked on developing Cultural Center Plan of Operations
- Developed policies and procedures and met with Attorney General Wayne Howle to review documents
- Talked with Myron Freedman and staff of the Nevada State Museum to determine hours of operation and staffing needs
- Created Cultural Center Advisory Subcommittee
- Chris and Bobbi attended the Nevada Museums Association Conference
- Working with Cultural Center Advisory Subcommittee on mission/vision statement and values
- Working on strategic short-term and long-term Cultural Center plans

Stewart Indian School Living Legacy

- Participated in talks on Stewart Master Plan and made revisions to Gallagher Interpretive Framework
- Presented panel on Stewart at the American Indian Tourism Conference Sept. 11-14, 2017, Green Bay, WI
- Made presentation to Friends of Nevada State Museum Sept. 11, 2017
- Helped to create Stewart Nevada Day parade float for October 28, 2017
- Conducted four tours of campus
- Helping with American Indian Achievement Awards Banquet & Silent Auction

Financial Stability

- Worked on FY 2018 budget projections (BA 2601)
- Talked with Peter Barton regarding how to set up account for museum store and fundraising donations
- Ordered preservation supplies and scanner
- Met with the Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance (SISPA)

Collections Stewardship

- Reviewed Stewart buildings for collection storage and made recommendation
- Completed 25 research requests
- Creating a comprehensive BIA Stewart Indian School Collection Timeline and schedule times to review collection
- Working on collections and loan policies and forms
- Created accessioning process and labeling procedures for collection

- Surveyed and documented collections at other repositories with Stewart materials
- Documenting items housed at Nevada State Museum Annex to see which items are uncatalogued and which are part of BIA Collection
- Contacted by Samantha Williams, PhD candidate at Santa Cruz who is writing her dissertation about Stewart and is sharing her research with us
- Working on accessioning and cataloging items into Past Perfect

Education and Interpretation

- Sending Stewart information for Heard Museum Boarding School Exhibit
- Finishing up Documentary Project with JoAnne Peden and grant report
- Stewart Indian trail signs have been fixed and maintained
- Setting up Oral History Program
- Setting up Volunteer Program
- Setting up Internship Program
- Revising tour forms online for both tours and presentations

Outreach

- Made Stewart Cultural Center presentations at tribal visits: Goshute, Ely Shoshone, Duckwater Shoshone and Yomba, Fallon Paiute Shoshone, Walker River Paiute, Yerington Paiute, Washoe, Las Vegas Paiute, and Moapa Band of Paiutes
- Sharing documents and resources with Billie Jean Guerrero at the Pyramid Lake Museum and James Hedrick at the Newe Ghani Cultural Center in Elko

Facility and Risk Management

- Met with Brian Wacker at SPWD and H&K Architects on Cultural Center construction; reviewing plans
- Met with Brian Wacker at SPWD to discuss exhibit design team
- Proposed old bakery/post office building for collection storage

Communication and Marketing

- Reviewing Stewart marketing plan and working on a branding plan for Cultural Center
- Updating website and social media with Cultural Center funding and future plans, blessing ceremony