

Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum
Museum Director Bobbi Rahder and Curator Chris Ann Gibbons
Report to Nevada Indian Commission Board: May 30, 2018

Leadership and Organization Structure

- Proposed statute language to create Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum and to allow a museum store
- Developed Cultural Center Plan of Operations
- Determined staffing needs and requesting funding for two new positions in next legislative session
- Planning July 11, 2018 Blessing Ceremony for Cultural Center
- Working with Cultural Center Cultural Advisory Committee on mission/vision statement and values
- Working on strategic short-term and long-term Cultural Center plans

Stewart Indian School Living Legacy

- Coordinated and conducted seven tours of campus:
 - February 28, Pyramid Lake High School, Pyramid Lake, NV, (15)
 - March 9, Robert O. Gibson Middle School, Las Vegas, NV, (41)
 - March 23, Mina Stafford, Education Curator, Nevada State Museum, (1)
 - April 9, Spanish Springs HS, Reed HS, N. Valley HS, Reno, NV, (50)
 - May 2, Nevada Retired School Employees, (25)
 - May 17, Sandy Miller Elementary School, Las Vegas, NV, (126)
 - May 18, True Grit Reading Group, Carson City, NV, (6)
- Planning a Cultural Center Alumni Booth for Stewart Father's Day Powwow to share information and new exhibit design
- Assisting in the planning of the Stewart Alumni Recognition Reception and Stewart Indian Princess Pageant for June 14, 2018

Financial Stability

- Worked on FY 2018 budget projections (BA 2601)
- Determined operating needs to request funding in next legislative session
- In discussions with State Buildings and Grounds and State Public Works Board about funding to renovate old bakery building for collection storage

Collections Stewardship

- Working on 23 research requests
- Created a Stewart Indian School Collection history and met with Nevada State Museum staff to discuss ownership of the collections

- Researching at the Nevada State Museum Curatorial Center to document the BIA collection
- Looking through old records for a comprehensive list of Stewart's students, years of attendance, tribal affiliation
- Accepting new donations and cataloging into PastPerfect
- Digitizing Stewart yearbooks and newsletters to post on Stewart website and making copies for purchase at the Stewart Father's Day Powwow

Education and Interpretation

- Met with Gallagher & Associates staff, three consultants, and Stewart alumni for the first exhibit design workshop on April 9, 2018
- Uploading information about artifacts, documents, photographs, and oral histories to a Google drive so everyone on the team can access
- Collaborated with Nevada State Museum to develop a panel and exhibit case of Stewart historical information for a new Nevada State Capitol exhibit
- Collaborated with City of Carson City to participate in True Grit event May 18, 2018
- Gathering Stewart Indian School items to loan to Heard Museum for their exhibit, "The Boarding School Experience"
- Met with Mina Stafford, Nevada State Museum about collaboration on a WWI project in November and helping to revise the Under One Sky exhibit
- Met with Ann Wolfe at Nevada Museum of Art about future exhibition of Edward S. Curtis photogravures
- Setting up Volunteer Program: application form, two volunteers
- Setting up Internship Program: activate this fall
- Revising tour forms online for both group/school tours and presentations

Outreach

- Attended National Council of Public Historians Conference in Las Vegas April 19-20, 2018
- Presented on panel "Who are the Stewards of our Past and Present? Museum Panel" at the Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference, April 24, 2018 with Ann Wolfe from the Nevada Museum of Art and Billie Jean Guerrero of the Pyramid Lake Museum

Facility and Risk Management

- Cultural Center and Welcome Center construction documents were put out to bid
- Working with architect Max Hershenow to determine how to spend the FF&E funds for furnishings and equipment in the Cultural Center
- State Public Works Division cleaned mold from basement vault and lead paint in cultural center building
- Discussed renovation needs of old bakery building for collection storage with B & G and State Public Works Division

Communication and Marketing

- Provided photos to Carson City for 2019 Carson City Christmas ornament to showcase Cultural Center building
- Working on a branding plan for Cultural Center
- Participating in Reno Art Town event on July 14, 2018
- Updating website and social media with information on Cultural Center funding received and future plans for development and programming