

Indiana Native American Indiana Affairs Commission (INAIAC)
February 16, 2022
Electronic Meeting – Draft 2/17/22

Call to Order: Chairman Scott Brewer at 1:05

Invocation

Roll Call: Present: Ahasteen-Bryan, Holt, Jones, Liebel, May-Gruthusen, Magnant, McClain, Tuttle, Brewer, and Welch

Absent: Adams, Alvarez, Campbell, Leonard, Rea, Red Cloud, Strack, Walker, and Yoder

Approved: Minutes for December 2021 Meeting (***October 2022 Meeting will be on the 19 and not 18th***), January 2021 teleconference, Financial Reports for December 2021 and January 2022

Director's Report: 2021 Annual Report, Lisa Welch – draft for comment

Old Business:

1. Scholarship Update – new practices are moving forward by Director Welch
2. Joy Harjo Visit – March 6 at 1:00 plus book signing
3. Kokomo Symposium – April 21 and moving forward

Guest Presentation: Beth Ernsberger, Assistant Director, Community Programing and Wilner Cusic, Outreach Coordinator of IN*SOURCE Special Education Support --- statewide program to provide family support for autistic children. Presently, there are no Native Americans in the Program. Miami and Pokagon Tribes are possible contact sources.

New Business: \$5,000 approved budget for potential retreat to orientate new member and formulate strategic plans

Discussion/Announcements:

Native American Mascots were discussed without a resolution

The proposed name change from Indian Hill Overlook Park in Newburg, IN to First Nations was discussed.

Public Comments/Guests Debra Naza asked about the names change of the Indianapolis Indians updated by Chairman Brewer and about the program of the desired changed for the Sagamore of the Wabash updated by Director Welch

Adjournment: 2:42