

# **Draft #1 12/12/2022**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Indiana Native American Indiana Affairs Commission (INAIAC)**

**November 2021**

**Call to Order:** 1:02 pm Chair Brewer

**Roll Call:** Magnant, Secretary

**Voting Members Present:** Alvarez, Brewer, Clark, Jones, Liebel, Magnant, Red Cloud, Tuttle, Holt, May-Gruthusen, Rea

**Voting Members Regrets:** Owens, Bryant

**Bryant is traveling – will give a report in December**

**Voting Members Absent:** Adams, Strack

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Rep. Campbell

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**Non-Voting Members Regrets**

**Guests:** Todd Mahooty, Carlton Walker, James Garrett, Ray Williams, Cathy Draeger-Williams

**Invocation:** Chair Brewer

**Approvals:**

- August Meeting Minutes
- August Financial Report
- September Financial Report

**Director's Report:**

- Appreciation for your support during my medical leave
- Native American Heritage Month
  - Tuttle is assisting with the project
- Scholarships – to be covered in Old Business
- Vaccination Program – now on going with Department of Health
- Sagamore Award

- New artwork is being considered by the Governor's office for the Sagamore award emblem – preliminary ideas to be given
- possibly involving Scott Shumaker on this project
- Commission representative Tuttle is going to present with The American Indian Center on WFYI to promote Indian community issues

## **Old Business and Discussion/Announcements**

- Native American Heritage Month, (Red Cloud) new curriculum being developed; Indian Veterans Program on hold; program developments at the Eiteljorg Museum to increase community awareness
- Scholarships Process: Meeting with Department of Administration. Students are not like vendor's in processing their payments. Students will get funds directly, similar to the process at the Dept. of Transportation. Five scholarships in process and two will be considered today.
- Clarification of the Grant to visit Conner Prairie
- Meeting about the Indian display at VA Center. Woodland Native American structure is more appropriate than a teepee (wikiyap) but a birch wood canoe was best for April 2022. Chairman Brewer will help to facilitate the canoe making process.
- An Indian flag display in the State House was discussed.
- Social Services Administration – Amy Owens and Madison May-Gruthusen will be attending the commission meetings in tandem.
- Madison May-Gruthusen - welcome
- Todd Mahooty noted a concern about the use of "Indian" for a Newburg park.
- Carlton Walker, Chairman Group \_\_\_\_\_ Can tribal identification be used for driver's licenses (BMV) etc.? Chairman Brewer reported a national issue for tribal nations. More information is needed on the tribal cards with picture and other vital information. BMV does not recognize Indian license plate

- Representative Chris Campbell (West Lafayette area) introduced herself. West Lafayette changed Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day.
- Chairman J. Garrett Indiana Commission of Black Males – November 2, 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference at Government Center South – we are invited. November 12, Shelbyville – 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration at the 7:00 pm program
- Director Jordan Harrison of the Indiana Commission for Women was introduced and made an introduction of herself
- Dave Liebel: “Is only Prairie Sage acceptable for ceremonies?” Chairman Brewer: “No, any sage can be used for the right reason and in a good way is acceptable according to my spiritual leader? Supported by Tuttle and Mahooty.
- Welch: Indianapolis Jewish Council November 9 requested our Commission participate as a candle lighter.
- Holt: mini grants available from Department of Health plus hiring various service workers.

**New Business:**

- Sponsorship for the Native American Center. \$500 for both Thanksgiving and Christmas for food baskets. The motion to fund was approved.
- Scholarship Applications: (Tuttle) Hannah Taylor and Karen Lloyd The motion to fund those 2 people was approved.
- Semester deadline extended for Spring 2022 applications to December 10, 2021. The motion to extend was approved.

**Adjourn:** The motion to adjourn was passed at 2:30p.m.