



**Meeting Minutes  
Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission (INAIAC)**

**December 19, 2018**

**1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**Lilly Room- Eiteljorg Museum  
500 West Washington Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204**

**Meeting began at 1:00pm.**

**Invocation was given by the Spiritual Leader, Pete Magnant**

**Roll Call –Establish Quorum By Chairwoman, Sally Tuttle**

**Members present were Sally Tuttle, Chair, Paul Strack, Vice, Shannon Turner, Erin Oliver, Secretary, Pete Magnant, Anthony Jones, David Liebel, Elizabeth Gamboa, Kelly Flynn, Antoniette Holt, Dr. Ken Folks.**

**Members Absent- Tracy Locke, Nathan Underwood, Sean Tierney,**

**Both Legislatures- Senator Greg Walker, Representative Leonard absent.**

**Vacancy -Traditional**

**Review & Approve Agenda for December 19, 2018**

**A motion was made to strike the presentation IUPUI Native American Indian library proposal by Dr. Chairmaine Champion Shaw due to her calling the director because of family emergency as well as the section on new business in the area of education by Commissioner Strack. It was seconded by Elizabeth Gamboa. Unanimous vote.**

**Review & Approve October 17, 2018 Minutes**

**A motion was made to accept the minutes with the change of spelling Dr. Folks first name correctly. Motion was made by Commissioner Magnant. It was seconded by Commission Strack. Unanimous vote.**

**Director's Report, Director MeLissa Williams**

**Director Williams gave a power point presentation on the activities from November and the past year.**

**Financial Report, Director MeLissa Williams**

**Director Williams presented financial information for November. The activities in November were under budget on each event.**



## **Old Business**

### 1) Education by Sally Tuttle, Chairwoman

#### i) Teacher Grant Scoring Procedure

Director Williams talked about the importance of the grant scoring procedure. Dr. Folks discussed the importance of the schools returning the Follow Up form.

#### ii) INAIAC Teacher Grants Field Trips

Director Williams presented the information on the schools that received the INAIAC Teacher Grant for 2018. The following schools were Blackford High School, Greenwood Christian Academy, Matchbook Learning Wendell Phillips, Center Grove Community School, South Decatur Elementary, Resurrection Catholic.

#### ~~iii) IUPUI Native American Indian library proposal by Dr. Charmaine Champion Shaw~~

### 2) Scholarships by Chairwoman, Sally Tuttle No Action Taken

#### i) Recognition of Scholarship Recipients

Director Williams provided pictures of students that received the scholarship. Present scholarship recipient, Haley Begay addressed the commission. She thanked them for the money and talked about the importance of the money.

## **New Business**

### 1) Education –Complaint Information and update by MeLissa Williams

Director Williams presented the information on a complaint of an event that happened at John H. Castle Elementary School, in Newburgh, Indiana. The first grade class teachers worked with the cafeteria to put on a Thanksgiving Dinner. At this dinner, the children were to choose to be Native American Indian or a pilgrim. The teachers sent home a letter that stated that they had make Native American costumes and the children could wear real Indian head dresses to the luncheon. Even after the complaint was made to the teacher, principal, assistant principal and the school superintendent, the luncheon took place anyway. Director Williams talked about the possible ways to handle this situation. Commissioner Oliver made the motion that the director hold a meeting with the Warrick County Superintendent. They wanted the director to report back to the commission on the meeting progress with the Superintendent. The second was made by Commissioner Turner. Vote unanimous.

### ~~2) Education –Legislation for Native American Indian Artist and Speakers, Dr. Charmaine Champion Shaw~~



- 3) 2019 meeting calendar by Chairwoman, Sally Tuttle  
Motion was made to just set the meeting for January 2019 until the Governor made Commission appointments. The motion was made by Commissioner Strack. It was second by Commissioner Oliver. The vote was unanimous to be February 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at the Eiteljorg Museum.
  
- 4) INAIAC Retreat Training.  
Director Williams described the retreat training that needed to take place on January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Garrison Golf Resort & Convention Center located at 6002 N. Post Road, Indianapolis. Director Williams gave the expenses for the retreat. A motion was made by Commissioner Liebel to budget \$5000.00 for the INAIAC Retreat. It was seconded by Commissioner Liebel. The vote was unanimous.

### **Public Comments**

### **Adjournment**