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AIC Board Meeting Minutes  
December 3, 2019  
6:00-8:00 pm

Attendees: Samantha Selby, Aaron Golding, Chantay Moore, Les Begay, Sharon Taylor, Monica Rickert-Bolter, Heather Miller

1. Call to order, opening prayer (6:15 pm)
2. Review and approve October minutes
  1. Les motions to review; Chantay seconds.
  2. Aaron motions to approved with accepted changes; Monica seconds; all in favor.
3. Staff and ED Reports
  1. Break-even for the powwow, some sponsorships were retracted, reach out to Ho-Chunk office.
  2. The Center will rejoin CAICC in January 2020 and reach out to collaborate with other Native/Chicagoland organizations.
  3. Heather will look for a new accountant. Sharon volunteered to review audit documents
  4. Chantay motions to approve; Monica seconds; all in favor.
4. Financial and Strategic Plan Updates
  1. Financial updates need to be reconciled; Sharon volunteered to help prepare
  2. Project Beacon – Heather is looking for creative solutions to keep it functioning; potential new partner to support this project; potential legal services partnership for contract work; and volunteers are researching grants and programs that look for services that Kandi can provide.
  3. Cultural program will continue at the Center as well as more direct social services.
5. Board Business
  1. Legal Situation Update – New court date for Dec 16, 2019
  2. Annual Meeting Date and Plan – Saturday, February 8, 2020, Women’s Voter League to administer election, notice will go out on Dec 16<sup>th</sup>.
  3. Powwow Review – Drummers and dancers had an overall positive experience, good relationship building with non-Native organizations, venue offered facility for future
  4. Logo, website – Electronic survey will be created to get community feedback.
  5. Fundraising: Newberry, Giving Tuesday/End of the Year
    1. Chicago Tribune article about using Kitihawa name
    2. Meeting with Obama Foundation
    3. Push donations and Board to write appeals statements
    4. December 20<sup>th</sup> deadline to book guest presenters at Newberry
  6. Upcoming events: Holiday Meal/Toy Giveaway, January Bingo, Census April Powwow
    1. Call out for local community vendors.
    2. Buy-in and cash prizes for bingo.
    3. Potential partnership with Museum of Contemporary Art; call out for contemporary Native artists to participate as vendors or project.
    4. AIC will be awarded \$8,000 on January 18, 2020 at 7pm at the Marriot.
6. Adjourn – Les motions to adjourn, Aaron seconds, all in favor.