

MIAMI INDIANS ALL NATIONS GATHERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday January 31, 2023 at 4 pm Roger Trahin's Office Indianapolis, Indiana

Chairman Steve Buchanan brought the meeting to order. Members present were Roger Trahin, Ray France, Alan Weaver, Karen Williams and Joan Weaver.

I. Gathering Vendors

A. All but two craft vendors have been contacted and are returning. Three have been ill but hoping on attending.

B. Joan was able to get Three Sisters Soul Food to be our second food vendor. They will be bringing Cherokee fry bread and Indian tacos etc.

C. Roger has mailed out all vendor apps. The committee decided to add an underlined statement: Applicant also agrees that all pets will either be caged or leashes at all times.

D. Shane reported that Council will make a final decision on Head Staff at February meeting. More suggestions needed for Arena Director and Steve will ask Aaron Stephens.

1. Council is funneling some recent donations to the Gathering Committee. Keith Layton has sent out 51 letters looking for grants and donations. Some of these are for the Gathering Committee to use for expenses. After two COVID years with no powwow, and last year's low attendance we have a balance of \$2,248.41.

E. Dumpster cost is crazy according to Steve. He is still looking for some other companies to give an estimate.

F. For Saturday evening Feast will again buy cornbread and cookies from the Amish. These were a big success last year.

II. Marketing and Advertising

A. Kay Witt is going to start collecting for ads for our program.

B. The Indianapolis Indians are going to put our Gathering info up on their screens at each home game.

1. Roger suggested having them give away some free tickets to our event.

C. We will again put up road signs around Miami Land advertising our Gathering. Marion College will make our posters and print our programs. We will see if they can make road signs for us too. We also need two large signs at 231 and 36 that hopefully they could make.

III. Land Improvements

A. Steve and Ray met Shawn from ARS today at Miami Land to get an estimate for a well. He suggested to get a Perk Test to see where the septic system would have to be first before drilling a well. Shawn gave Steve the name of a man that does this test.

1. Steve talked with him and he is going to do this test on February 14 at 10:30. He was familiar with us. The normal cost is \$500 and after some conversation decided to donate the test for us!!

Way to go, Steve!

B. Dooley family will bale the hay for us again this year.

C. Karen suggested we walk the Vendor Circle to look for low spots or bumps. Some vendors have had trouble with this in the past.

NEXT MEETING will be at Roger's Office at 4 pm on Wednesday February 28. Meeting after this will be on the Gathering site.