

Western Washington Native American Education Consortium
Minutes
Eagle's Landing Hotel
Rochester, Wa
March 20, 2008

9:30 am The meeting was called to order by Maxine Alex

Opening Prayer: Gerald Peltier

Introductions including Mark Stanger, United Indians

Minute Review

The January minutes were reviewed; Mary Wilbur motioned to accept; Laura Lynne seconded.

Treasurer's Report

Judy Duff reported a balance of \$15,185.23 in the consortium fund, and _____ in the Whaling fund; no checks had been written since January meeting.

Dues: After several minutes of discussion, there was a consensus to leave WWNAEC dues at \$30 per year.

Silent Auction

Gail Morris was not present for a report. Max stated that after discussion and consideration by the executive committee it was decided to postpone the silent auction fundraiser. There's funds enough to cover merit awards at \$650 each.

Max is working with Deborah Juarez on filing a 501(c)3 and is gathering the necessary information. After discussion, considering NIEA will be in our area in the Fall, it was decided to hold the silent auction in February 2009. At that time several new (larger) facilities will be open. Hopefully, the non-profit will be in place then, also.

Merit Award

Max Alex chairs the committee. Others serving as readers: Laura Lynne, Nan Little, Elaine Grinnell, Rebecca Kreth and Laurie Collins.

Max reported receiving 2 applications so far. One was complete, and because there's time, she contacted the student with an incomplete application. April 8, 2008 is the deadline, and she will continue to check applications as they are received, and time permitting contact students with missing information.

Application copies will be sent to readers. A scoring matrix will be used, and Max will not be reading her students' applications. Awards will be made for higher education at: 4 year institution, community college or vocational/tech. and the award will be sent in the Fall of 2008, once verification of enrollment is made.

There was then discussion of a student that will be entering the Young Scholars program (not Running Start). This is a high school junior actually enrolling as a full time college student at UW. The question was whether student would be eligible for the merit award. Since it is an exception, a motion was made by Val Gilstrap and seconded by Judy Duff to accept an application.

Educator's Conference

The Consortium approved \$1500 to contract with the Native Wellness Institute at January's meeting. It was to be combined with the dinner/silent auction. Gail Morris said she would not be able to keep the May date because of rising unforeseen issues. Several other members expressed a desire to postpone the auction, and in light of NIEA, it was agreed to regroup for next calendar year. It was then discussed whether or not to

continue with the Wellness workshop. Judy asked how many would commit to coming. It was decided there was not enough time. Colleen Almoujuela made a motion to postpone the Educator's conference until next year. Mary Wilbur seconded.

It was then discussed to extend and make special the May 15 consortium meeting at Kelso to include an afternoon session. Because of accommodations, the morning meeting will be at Kelso, hosted by Shelly Hamrick. The meeting will then move to nearby Longview and a nice luncheon. A motion was made and carried to approve using funds for a luncheon and invite Jillian from the Wellness Institute, and invite Justin Fink Bonner (Potlatch fund) to be come. Max will send out invitations. Max will see Joan about clock hours for the afternoon. Laura Lynne made a motion to extend the May meeting to include professional development and Val Gilstrap seconded.

By-Laws Committee

Max reported that Lena Purser Maloney didn't have time to work on changes to the by-laws. Mary had perused them, but they have not met. The intent is to add a 'dissolution' clause necessary for the 501(c)3 application. Elections will take place at the May meeting.

Whaling

There was no whaling curriculum report.

Indian Ed Grant Info

The 2008-09 Title VII grant part 2 opens 3.21.08 and closes 4.23.08. This is the budget portion. Walt Swan contacted Max about sharing of 506 forms. It was agreed that this has always happened on an informal basis. It was stated copies were not acceptable for auditing purposes.

New Business/Announcements

501(c)3 - Max gave an update; has asked for input re: past and future activities of the consortium for the narrative portion. There will be a \$300 filing fee.

OSPI donation - the consortium has been asked to donate \$3000 to the 5th Annual NW Indian Youth Leadership Summit in August 2008. There was discussion. Phyllis Covington stated no consortium members students have been involved in the summer trainings. Sometimes the location and agenda information was received too late in the year, but travel is a consideration. She suggestion asking OSPI to consider doing a training with consortium students sometime during the school year when participation would be more likely. Because we are not having a fundraiser this year, Mary Wilber made a motion to donate \$500, and Phyllis seconded. It was noted last year the consortium donated \$1500 to this effort. It was noted last summers participants have been giving presentations on HB1495, and a CD was made, but the consortium has not seen it. A request will be made for a student presentation.

NIEA

Mary Wilber gave a report. The next NIEA planning will be March 31st at WSIEA in Yakima. She said the budget is in place; Gerald Peltier is heading the Pow Wow committee. Posters should be out in April. Walt Swan is doing the Fun Rum. A Youth strand is being planned to take place in Suquamish. More tribes are coming on board, but there is still need of volunteers. Gail Morris is heading the Elder's committee. The Urban Ed Strand resolution will be reintroduced, hopefully with support from WSIEA.

WW Puyallup Fair

Next meeting will be 3.26.08; Stan Cross would like more hands on activities. Martha Sherman is the contact person for participants.

May Youth Conference

Mark Stanger, United Indians, was present to share information about their upcoming youth leadership conference. It will be a day camp at Daybreak Star and short workshops including culture, leadership skills, traditional food/medicine. Ages 14-18 urban students and nearby tribal students. There is no cost, and possibly bus transportation will be available daily for Seattle students. Hope to have 100-200 students, and he's asking for volunteer counselors. MHStanger@unitedindians.org

John Trudeau - \$25 Town Hall - 4.11.08 8 pm

WWNAEC - 4.15.08 Kelso/Longview Wa

September WWNAEC - Max Alex will host.

WSIEA - 4.1/2/3.08 Yakima room rate \$80 extended dates. Miss Washington will be present. Sally Brownfield stated the executive committee is finalizing the agenda..

Raffle

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Receiver</u>
Val Gilstrap	Basket necklace	Nan Little
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Anon.	3 photo frame	Colleen Almojuela
Anon.	travel mug	Jerry Peltier
Max Alex	mints	Shirley Brown
Laura Lynne	C.D.'s	Penny Ocktuck Cole
Cindy	zipper pull	Max Alex
Max Alex	2 books	Sally Brownfield
Kathy Payne	Brownies, cup/plate	Phyllis Covington
Anon	pencil box	Colleen Almojuela
Judy Duff	6 kerchiefs	Penny Ocktuck/Laura Lynne
Anon	Bunco Betty Boop	Mary Wilber
Kathy Payne	2 piece baby frame	Val Gilstrap
Judy Duff	shower gel	Mark Stanger
Dorothy Apple	bead kit/notecards	Cindy
Penny Ocktuck Cole	Mary Kay/\$10 certificate	Mary Wilber
Phyllis Covington	scented candle	Val Gilstrap
Dorothy Apple	magnetic note pad	Sally Brownfield
Phyllis Covington	bear puzzle	Judy Duff
Shirley Brown	necklace	Dorothy Apple
Nan Little	moccasins	Mark Stanger