

Western Washington Native American  
Education Consortium

September 18, 2008

Fife School District Administration Building

**Introductions**

Opening Prayer: Elaine Grinnell

Welcoming by Suzanne Shade, Phyllis' supervisor.

**Treasury Report**

The balance in the account, according to the previous minutes was \$15,243.23 but it was actually \$15,253.23 – correction needs to be made to the minutes

The Current balance is \$10,423.90 in regular checking and \$769.03 in Whaling.

**Silent Auction**

Gail Morris is heading this up once again this year. She is joined by Linda, Robin and Phyllis in working on it. She gave a brief rundown on past auctions. She said if we want to make postcards to distribute that the Edmonds School District print shop is available. Sam Morseau has volunteered to put together a website so we can work on having people pay for and sign up through the website to eliminate the problems we've had with tickets in the past. We will definitely need a credit card machine for this year's as the majority of the purchases were through credit cards.

She said we need to work on getting items for the auction. The Institute of American Indian Art donated a piece. Gail mentioned The Potlatch fund as a possible sponsor as a 501©3 nonprofit so we can offer tax write offs to the donors. That brought up the Non Profit process we're currently in. Maxine Alex, who has been working on this, said all we needed now is a dissolution clause put into our bylaws, a profit and loss and a simple financial statement. We don't need an attorney to file it but it costs \$600 to do so. It takes up to 3 – 6 months to get the status but in the meantime we will be given a temporary Tax ID number we can use. It was put before the membership whether to go forward and file it. Judy Duff motioned to do so and Val Gilstrap seconded. All said aye. Motion passed.

Lena Maloney, head of the By Laws Committee was joined by Shelly Hamrick and Sally Brownfield who will work on adding the clause into the bylaws and will present to the membership for approval at a future date.

The \$600 fee was brought before the membership for approval. Earline Bala motioned to do so and Elaine Grinnell seconded. All said aye. Motion passed.

**Educators Conference**

The Educators Conference will be combined with the Auction this year. It will start on 2/13/2008 and end around noon on 2/14/2008. Gail Morris is interested in more workshops on Urban Natives and

would like to see more teachers invited than administrators. The presenters don't have to be Native and there is one, Ed Berg, who teaches a Tribal Sovereignty curriculum that is very good. It's about the Nisqually and Frank's Landing. We need to put out a call for presenters. A committee has been formed with Sam Morseau and Gail Morris to handle this.

### **Merit Awards**

We've paid out to two of the six recipients. We got the paperwork on the \$200 recipients. One of the others sent in inadequate paperwork so Max asked her for a letter from her registrar. All the others have not responded yet. They have until December 1<sup>st</sup> – Max will send out reminder letters. She would like some input on the questions for the essays again this year.

### **Whaling**

Julian gave a brief history of the Whaling Curriculum and its process to date. We are being told it's too cumbersome so the thought is to pull the culture and sovereignty out and connect it to other curriculum already in place in the schools. Do it all in pieces. The WWNAEC website that Sam is going to create would ultimately be the best place to house the curriculum so others could get easy access. Julian thanked all the individuals in the room who have been involved since the beginning and have kept this project alive.

### **Announcements**

#### **NIEA**

Sally Brownfield said that she has worked on a plan to have WWNAEC and the Squaxin tribe sponsor a reception where all the Indian Ed programs can showcase their programs. A starting budget of \$2500 was developed but it was motioned for WWNAEC to increase the budget by \$1000. Max motioned to do so and Laura seconded. All said aye. Motion passed.

There is only room for about 10 tables with three programs to a table. It will be tight but it can be worked. It was suggested that one of the tables be marked for Elders. Maps and posters can be put on the walls and someone suggested a banner for the table with Western Washington Native American Consortium printed on it along with our logo which Phyllis believes she can provide through an artist who used to be a former student and had done some art for her that she believes he will allow us to use. We will be sharing a table with WSIEA at the conference and we need people to volunteer to sit at it off and on during the conference. Gail is still working on getting NIEA to organize an Urban Strand with relevant workshops.

#### **WWNAEC Brochure**

There was discussion about the WWNAEC brochure. Phyllis asked that everyone look it over and let her know of any changes that need to be done. It was decided not to include the names of officers or school districts and individual members as those change from year to year. Someone else suggested a possible insert of that information but that wasn't going to be very practical considering where the brochures are being handed out.

### **Indian Ed Program Announcements**

Sam Morseau – Kent  
with Kentlake HS, Culture Night Dec (?) David Boxley – coordinates  
with state standards.

Maxine Alex – Federal Way School Pow Wow - 11/22/08

Mary Wilber – Lake Washington Pow Wow@ 6 PM on 11/1/08 at Lake Washington HS 12033  
NE 80<sup>th</sup> St. Kirkland, WA 98033

Phyllis Covington – Fife Pow Wow - 3/6/08 at Surprise Lake Middle School 7PM 2001  
Milton Way, Milton WA 98354

Gail Morris – Edmonds Coastal Gathering for Students 11/29/08

Maxine called for donations for special raffle – she’s headwoman for NIEA Pow Wow. Please keep it  
small for those who have to travel.

Sally Brownfield - a Conference October 1-3 – she also called for a resolution from WWNAEC for an  
Urban Strand at NIEA

Elaine Grinnell – Basket Weaver’s Conference at Ocean Shores October 2-4<sup>th</sup>. There will be thirty five  
Master basket weavers. Encourages everyone to come and bring students.

Phyllis advised on brochure for her district’s Indian Education Program and 506 forms.

Sam presented on Suicide Training workshop. The 1<sup>st</sup> day was a model on connecting with/students and  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> day encouraged additional workshops in each community. The training also included the legal  
aspects and referrals.

Nan McNutt brought Canoe Reader for us. Each district will get about 20 for 4-6 grade curriculums.  
She is working with the Seattle Art Museum on a brochure with examples of Coast Salish items. Anyone  
can look through the activities. She’s also working with the Burke Museum on Coast Salish, will bring  
two boxes to the next WWNAEC meeting: 1) canoes and 2) weaving and spinning

Julian Argel spoke on NASD & UW Tacoma for U(?)

Next meeting will be November 21<sup>st</sup> in Longview, WA