

Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration Committee

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Public Health Building, Small Conference Room

Minutes

Committee members present: Arthur Conquest, Felina Robinson, Kea van der Ziel, Caitlin Starr; Raul Fernandez, Select Board liaison

Committee members absent: Raquel Halsey, Larry Onie

Public: none

Meeting called to order at 4:20 PM

1. Minutes of 6/4/19 approved.
2. Felina Silver Robinson welcomed as an official member the committee.
3. IPD event discussion:
 - a. Time confirmed for 10/14 from 12-5 at the Coolidge Corner School, for set-up, event and clean up. Issue of entry raised – Caitlin will pursue
 - b. OK to have vendors of crafts; may be best to have these in cafeteria with food.
 - c. Food needs to be served and eaten in the cafeteria, which will be on another floor than the program. There may be a conflict of interest if the food vendor is in some way related to one of the committee members, but only if the Town is purchasing the food which is then free to the public. The other option is to have the vendor charge for the food. Caitlin will clarify details. Food vendor will need liability insurance and a food permit. Would be nice to have music in the cafeteria.
 - d. Caitlin to speak with Raquel about the charge for the performers. We will also need to pay for a custodian and a minimal fee for use of the space.
 - e. Advertising: Caitlin able to produce flyers, programs and posters to advertise the event at minimal cost. Caitlin has list of organizations in Town who will disseminate to their groups. Arthur will consult with his friends in Pine Ridge about important historical dates that we can use as we advertise in the weeks prior to the event. Save-the-date to be sent to community contacts.
4. Arthur noted that Larry's baskets are not in the library. The baskets need protection from light. The library will install such protections and have the baskets on display, hopefully, in October. Lighting protection is something that they should have for other displays in the future.
5. September events: Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations will have an Inspo/Expo table at the Farmers' Market on 9/5 and will share the table with us. Felina, Arthur and Kea will take turns helping out at the table. Table is in an out-of-the-way location, so would need to have a presence at the entrance of the Farmers' Market with flyers. We cannot be soliciting inside the Market. O-DICR will have a table at Brookline Day, sharing the table with O-DICR and other allied groups.
6. Raul raised the issue of having a land acknowledgement at the start of Town Meeting. He wonders if there are any templates for a resolution in support of this. He will ask the Mass Municipal Council. Kea to ask Mahtowin Munro and Raquel.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM