

Meeting Minutes

Prairie Trail Federation Longhouse Meeting

Indian Guides, Indian Princesses and Trailblazers

August 26, 2019 – First United Methodist Church

7:00 PM: Board & Nation Chiefs

8:15 PM: Tribal Chiefs, Board & Nation Chiefs

- 1 Welcome Back & Program Mission: **Steven Greczek**
- 2 Registration: **Robb Soles**
 - Registration is being setup and will be available in early September.
 - A discussion was held and input solicited about changing the program fee. The board decided to increase the annual program fee to \$60 per person.
 - We were successful in collecting over 75% of the outstanding program fees from members who did not register in 2018-2019 due to a technical glitch with the website. We'll monitor for those 34 families and if they register for the 2019-2020 program we'll follow-up.
- 3 Wampum Bearer: **Keith Radeke**
 - 2018-2019 financials are being prepared and will be made available this Fall.
- 4 Trailblazers: **Phil Boggess**
 - Report back on the summer campout. Campout was a great time, but smaller than last year.
 - Highlighted upcoming events – 9/14 Northwestern Football game, 11/10 Paintball
- 5 Kick-Off Picnic: **Erik Sander**
 - Highlighted the upcoming Kick-off event at Spring Rock Park. Free event open to all PTF members and recruits. Face painting, musician, bouncy house, etc.
- 6 Pow Wow Info Night:
 - Highlighted the upcoming Info Night Sept. 5th at First United Methodist Church of La Grange.
- 7 Indian Guides: **Gil Espinoza**
 - Took attendance and validated tribe counts.
 - Reviewed Fall campout dates and tribe assignments.
- 8 Indian Princesses: **Mel Justak**
 - Took attendance and validated tribe counts.
 - Reviewed Fall campout dates. Tribe assignments are being finalized.
- 9 Honor Points: **Erik Sander**
 - Report out on the 2018-2019 Honor Tribes.
 - Discussed importance of Honor Tribe status and process for reporting activities/points.
- 10 Smoke Signals & Recruiting: **Ian Hanson**
 - Spring Ave School had a table at back to school night
 - Ogden Ave School will have a table at Back to School party 9/8
 - Ogden Ave School 26 families at the Welcome Picnic will receive more PTF info
 - Barnsdale Ave School is mailing out our flyer to over 150 families of Kindergarteners
 - Some tribes held a back to school BBQ with tribal families and bring a friend
 - Suggestion to use tribe pics for recruiting events since kids look at pics to identify their friends

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11 Web Weavers: **Robb Soles**

- Provided an overview of the enhancements to the website (log-in, mobile friendly, etc.). The website layout was refreshed to make locating information more intuitive.
- Communicated that website has been updated with calendar, upcoming events and campouts.

12 Sand Painter: **Gill Espinoza**

- Call for Sand Painter NC. Jason DelRose volunteered to assume the role.
- Kevin McGann will assist Sand Painter in coordinating/ordering with The Patch Store.

13 New Business

- **PTF Survey** - Steve provided an update on the PTF 2018-2019 survey and an overview of the results. To date we've had a 25% response rate and overall comments were very positive. The Federation will review the survey themes and develop a plan to work on remediating issues or enhance current processes. Survey will remain open.
- **Refresh Tribal Games** – the Board and NCs ideated around ideas on how to reinvigorate Tribal Game. One suggestion was to leverage existing camp activities (blackhole races, archery, etc.). Another was to use holiday themed activities (e.g., pumpkin carving). We also discussed creating an inventory of Federation Tribal games (tug-a-war, tomahawk toss, etc.) that could be used at Camps with limited activities and that are weather dependent (e.g., winter campouts w/warm weather and no snow).
- **Fire Starter training** – Lance will be conducting a Fall Fire Starter training. Date TBD. Stay tuned to the website and future e-mail blast for further information.

14 Adjournment: Next Longhouse – Monday, October 7th