

ICI Board of Directors
Agenda for meeting on ~~June 19, 2019~~ July 17, 2019
At 6:21 pm in the Second Floor of Building

1. Invocation by Lavan Yankton
2. Roll call- Directors Sloan Rupp, Judy Vance, Stephanie Wachter, Deveron Baxter and Kevin Abourezk present.
 - a. Directors Kris Ross and Colette Yellow Robe excused.
3. Approval of Agenda- unanimous approval
4. Approval of Minutes – July 1, 2019 Board of Directors Minutes (see handout) – unanimous approval.
5. Board Members Update
 - a. Two remaining open seats:
 - i. Anitra Warrior has resigned. She is hoping to update somebody on the board about her efforts to get a \$25,000 drawdown from the WIOA grant. She plans to stay involved in getting that resolved.
 - ii. Deveron provided resume and introductory letter for Larry Weixelman, a candidate for the board. Deveron talked about the need to fill the two open seats.
6. ICI Advisory Council
 - a. Fundraisers update- Aug. 2 taco sale planned during the Indian Club Powwow. Advisory Council plans to run its sale out of the Indian Center.
 - i. Deveron talked about the need for individual board members to step up and start fundraising by reaching out to potential donors.
7. Community idea – land use idea (Lucinda M. & Society of Care)
 - a. Lucinda not present. No update.
8. Updates on St. Monica's
 - a. Mary Barry- project status update.

Deveron talked about St. Monica's plans to start writing a grant for the Native American women's residential alcohol and drug abuse treatment program planned for the Indian Center. He also talked about Ted Hibbler, who visited the center recently to discuss his hopes to establish a dorm at the center for out-of-town Native college students. Stephanie talked about an Omaha foundation that might fund such an idea. Either idea would take up both floors of the east wing of the center.
9. IHS grant update
 - a. Nettie offered an update. She said she has to talk to four federal officers to make progress on the grant. She said she went through four years of financial reports and found mistakes in those reports. She said she created a spreadsheet that she shared with the CPA Denise. Until January 2018, the financial reports added up, she said. She said IHS is asking about how the program spent

\$159,000 in funding. She said she asked the center's current CPA Denice to help her reconcile the program's financial reports. She said the CPA is working to reconcile those reports and Denice planned to meet with Nettie and Judy. She said three financial reports are due, including with the last quarter's report that is due July 31. She said the continuous application was submitted. IHS said the center would allow us to finish Year 4 but wouldn't let us apply for Year 5 funding of the five-year grant. IHS did ask about whether there are new board members and whether any previous program staff members are still involved with the center. Nettie expressed concerns about whether the center has the capacity to host the youth prevention program anymore. She recommended that the board assess the community's needs before seeking new program funding. She said IHS is willing to accept in the grant the previous indirect rate for the youth prevention program. Kevin asked whether IHS would allow the center to move forward with the grant even if the center can't resolve where the \$159,000 went. Nettie said she doesn't know, but that Denice is trying to cross-reference bank withdrawals with money that was spent by the program. Nettie said she wrote in the grant application that the center would hire contractors to fulfill two positions needed to run the program. She said \$181,000 remains in the Year 4 funds and it would have to be used until the end of the project in 2020. She said she applied for \$200,000, but the center would more likely receive \$181,000. \$148,148 is the direct cost, and the rest would be the indirect cost. It would be spread over 14 months, not 12 months. \$51,852 is the indirect cost. Nettie said she would remove 11 former staff members who were on the Indian Center's GrantSolutions account.

10. Volunteers to help clean up and organize the Finance Office
 - a. Deveron talked about Colette, who has a student from UNL who might be able to help do this as an internship.
11. Update on the Meeting with Dr. Paul Olson and Lin Quenzer

Deveron talked about an email that Lin sent regarding a potential meeting with Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird. The mayor's office has said they may be able to help the center but have requested a meeting first. The mayor's office suggested having the center meet with a city staff member who might be able to help find potential renters for Indian Center office space. Deveron talked about the need for board members to reach out to large local funders, such as the Community Health Endowment, Cooper Foundation, Lincoln Community Foundation, Lancaster County Human Services and United Way. Several community members talked about the need for the board to decide where the board is at in terms of either reopening the center with programming or considering alternatives. Deveron said he sent a letter to the Community Foundation and the foundation offered some help to the center.

Deveron talked about the need to update the center's policies in order to prevent future malfeasance within the center. He said each board member needs to get involved in trying to reestablish the center.

12. Committee Updates:

- a. Planning/Development- future directions, strategic planning or suggestions for The future of the Indian Center.
 - i. At home assignment for the Board Members- at home assignment for each Board Member. No update.
- b. Administration
 - i. Administrative updates- petty cash withdrawal
 - ii. Telephone/WiFi
- c. Program Policy- Deveron talked about the need to update the policy and procedures.
- d. Building/Grounds- Sloan said the center earned \$125 from space rental for the past month, and he paid \$100 of that to Percy for lawn maintenance.

Judy recommended the need for the board to begin letting the community know about upcoming board elections. Doni Baxter recommended that the board hold an executive session to consider how to proceed with board elections.

The board discussed how to get rid of three vehicles on the property that are raising the center's insurance rates. One community member discussed holding an auction, and Stephanie suggested talking to the UNL Tractor Museum about the tractor on the center's property.

Stephanie made a motion to have Taryn Abourezk look into having an auctioneer sell surplus property for the center. Sloan seconded the motion and the motion passed with four Yeses and 1 abstention by Kevin Abourezk.

13. Treasurer Report- Judy V.

- a. Audit update- No update from CPA Denice.
- b. Other items- Judy talked about reaching a Department of Revenue employee regarding holding taxes and said that person said the center would receive a refund though she didn't how much it would be.

14. New Business – Stephanie talked about the need to write Thank You letters to donors, including those who gave during Give to Lincoln Day, as well as any donors to recent fundraising events.

Kevin made a motion to have Stephanie develop a donor program to begin thanking donors and develop a list of recent donors. Deveron seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously.

15. Public Comment- Phyllis said she plans to pray for the center during her upcoming sundance.

Lavan Yankton thanked the board for keeping the center open. He also asked about whether dancers would have to pay to participate in the upcoming Indian Club Powwow. Judy said dancers would receive day pay.

Phyllis said she plans to borrow the blue cooler for sundance.

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting- **August 21, 2019 at 6 p.m.**