



ICI Board of Directors  
Agenda for meeting on March 25, 2019  
At 6:00pm in the First Floor of Building  
Call to order at 6:10pm

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1. Invocation – thank you to Lavan Yankton
  2. Roll call- Chairperson does attendance and roll call

3. Approval of Agenda-

Kevin A. motion to approve the agenda

Stephanie W. second the motion

Unanimous approval

4. Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2019 Board of Directors Minutes- table until the next meeting

5. Election and swearing in of New Board Members

- a. Candidates and Elections

Sloan Rupp- gave his presentation on his background with the community. Combat Veteran and dedicated volunteer.

Kirk D. motion to nominate Sloan Rupp to the Board.

Colette seconded the motion.

Unanimous approval.

Sloan Rupp's seat will expire on a three-year term (September, 2019).

- b. Swearing In- Chairperson Deveron Baxter did the official swearing in of Sloan Rupp.

- c. Status Update- in honor of Kevin's birthday he did a Facebook fundraiser for his Birthday. He raised some money for ICI.

- d. Secretary of State Update- review of the information from the Secretary of State office by Colette Yellow Robe. The biennial report is due – April 1<sup>st</sup>.

- e. By-laws- the meetings and other business matters will be ran according to the by-laws.

- f. Robert's Rules of Order-

- g. **Recruitment-**

**Chairperson Baxter**- we need a financial person for the Board. A documentation system for bill payments is required.

**Dr. Kirk D.** A professional accounting system is utilized to pay the bills. It's called Zero. There is a CPA to oversee the books as of right now. Mrs. Georgiana A. is absorbing the cost of the bookkeeping of the software as a donation to the Center. A recommendation is to get Stephanie, Board Treasurer up to date on the software and use it. The persons will have to go to the Bank- and get the signatures switched over.

**Dr. Anitra W.** has a recommendation of a possible Accountant to refer to the Center. (Tom Lintel, Lintel Financial Services).

6. ICI Advisory Council- community representatives

- a. Motion to appoint the Advisory Committee – see attachment of names or recommendations – see attached.

**Kevin A.** presented ICI Board of Directors Resolution- to formalize the relationship between Council and current Board Members.

He read aloud for the Board members present and the Community members in the room.

The purpose of this resolution is to empower the ICI Advisory Council.

**Renee B.-** original purpose to give an informal mechanism to the community about the events around the center. There were healing moments and other benefits to the inception of the group. There were many opportunities to assist with events.

A question asked by a member to clarify about how to elect officers for the group. A meeting was conducted with other members in the community to move efforts forward to appoint (elect) a leader for the "informal" advisory council.

**Clem Crazy Thunder**- a point of clarification about the Minutes from previous meetings.

**Renee SansSouci**- gave some more context about the background of the Advisory Council. Members to contribute from their strengths and point of view.

**Nettie Grant Sitkya**- shared great words of support.

**Kevin A.** motion to approve the Resolution.

**Sloan R.** seconded the motion to approve the Resolution.

Kirk D. abstain to the motion.

- i. Kevin A. motion to appoint Nettie Grant S. and Clem CT  
Stephanie W. seconded the motion.  
Kirk W. – abstained from the vote.  
Unanimous approval.

b. Fundraiser-

- i. Update from Friday, March 22, 2019 Indian Taco –

See attached Report from **Mrs. Nettie Grant Sitkya**.

Very detailed ledger.

To-Go Orders: \$973.00

Dine-In Orders: \$566.00

Delivery Orders: \$465.00 See detailed monies.

Wednesday morning, March 27, 2019 there will be a cleanup crew for the next sale.

A list given to the Board for the Indian Taco Sales indicated the items still needed. Kevin A. posted this on the website.

**Leo Yankton-**

**Betty Vance-** suggested that orders are stopped the night before at 9:00pm for Delivery.

**Nettie-** requested help for orders. There were numerous ways to improve suggested and the system will reflect such feedback.

- ii. Indian Taco Fundraiser for Thursday, March 28, 2019 –  
ICI Board will coordinate with Sarah W. to conduct the Tacos order.  
\$6.00/taco.  
The bid will go through. Delivery arrangements to go to three schools completed. The total order is 120 tacos.

iii. Friday Taco Fundraisers

iv. First Friday Art Show, April 5, 2019 –

The artist is Patrick Joel Pulliam- a renowned leader from the White Clay movement. The flyer is in progress. Leo Yankton is arranging for his stay and travel. He is bringing 20 pieces of Art to Show.

Community Member is donating two nights for the Artist.

Another artist, Jonathan Leach- may be a viable candidate.

7. Building Use Policy and Updates

- a. Building Use Calendar- Kevin A. will coordinate the calendar for the ICI.  
Sloan Rupp- will step up to coordinate the calendar of events for the ICI. The google doc or some other form will be created.
- b. Policy- Security and usage policy in the interim.- Chairperson Baxter will take the lead on changing the locks.  
There are windows to address for security issues. (Deveron & Sloan will follow up).  
There are at least six outside doors that should be re-keyed. (Kris and Anitra will call about locksmiths).

- c. Additional concerns or clarification- Kevin A. asked for clarification about a tour of the center.

8. Housing Update

- a. ICI Housing Corp.- Dr. Kirk D. provided an update about the Housing Corp. Secretary Colette Y.R. will send out a diagram of the current Housing Corp. Trust Board structure. As the newly appointed Board Members get acclimated it is important to keep this going. The future of these three boards is very important. A recommendation is to sell the Many Oaks property to potentially bring financial stability to the Indian Center.

President: Kirk D.

Treasurer: Earl Pilcher- stepped down. This seat is empty.

Member: Frank Bear Killer

Member: Marshall Prichard

Secretary: Georgiana Ausan (Board appointed)

Member: Steve Peregrine

Member: Renee Baier (Board appointed)

The properties are now self-sustaining and are paying for themselves. Information reviewed about the Elderly HUD housing properties and other properties. In addition, a review provided about the balance sheets.

The boards for the properties must have Boards. –

Housing Corp.- needs to have its board filled.

Gering Elderly Housing Corporation Board.

Kevin A. motion for the ICI Board of Directors to serve as the Board for the Housing Corp. and Gering Elderly Housing Corporation Board.

Kirk D. seconded the motion.

Anitra W. abstained the vote.

The Tax Returns must go in for the Many Oaks Properties.

- b. ICI Trust Corp.-

The Many Oaks sale does not have to be determined right now. However, there is no immediate risk to decide. The ICI Trust Board is to work for the management of those properties for the benefit of the ICI.

The ICI Trust Corp. Board will meet next on Thursday at 6pm, March 28, 2019.

**Anitra W.** moves to table the appointment of a board member of the ICI Trust until we receive appropriate training.

**Kris R.** seconded the motion.

**Dr. Kirk** Volunteered to conduct Board training to support these efforts.  
Unanimous approval.

9. Old Business-

a. Eagle Feather MOA with LPS Indian Education-

**Kris Ross**- see attachment. An Eagle Feather Project pamphlet was passed out during the meeting to clarify this endeavor.

Some context given about this project. This is the third year of the project.

**Kevin A.** moves to have Chairperson Baxter serve as the signatory for the project.

**Dr. Kirk** seconded the project to include an additional signature of the project to included Dr. Anitra Warrior.

Discussion about the project.

Some more discussion about suggestions to improve the overall delivery of services.

b. Financial Audits and policies-

**Dr. Kirk**- there is an accounting system and a CPA in place. There are people in place that are doing good work to assist. Denise Eatom-Heim is the current CPA. She set up the Bookkeeping system. It is there for transparency. It is a modern system. Georgiana made a donation to pay for the system. Over 1800 transactions entered thus far into the accounting system to ensure there is oversight. The recommendation is to work with the CPA to enter the remaining receipts into the system. The CPA has been working with the Federal officials with the investigation. There are cash-handing systems in place to assist the Board.

**Chairperson Baxter**- any clarification points from the Board. Consider the next steps of the financial process.

There is a system for the payment of bills.

10. Public Comment-

**Leo Yankton**- concerns about the current structure of the Sweat Lodge. There have been issues with the upkeep of the Lodge. Perhaps there is a possibility of a Spiritual Leader to visit the grounds. In the meantime, can Lavan Yankton, as a young Steward to take care of the Sweat Lodge and the grounds.

An idea to host another event for First Friday, May 1, 2019 – an art show for the Native youth. Coleen New Holy. Nettie Grant Sitkya and Kris Ross will follow up with the event.

Propose to move the meeting downstairs for next time.

**Nettie Grant-Sitkya:**

Is the calendar for building use going past March?

As far as the bills are paid, the Board is committed to keeping the Doors open.

Clem Crazy Thunder: how long will the ICI be open?

Chairperson clarified that we are open for the next month. Vice-Chair considered the investigations and other issues up in the air.

11. New Business -

Executive Committee- follow up on information.

Signatures on the Bank – within the next 30 days minimum. Chairperson Baxter will follow up with Mrs. Ausan.

UNL Big Event-

April 6<sup>th</sup> Kris Ross to coordinate the volunteer service to help clean or any other activities.

Give to Lincoln Day- Kevin A. April

SENNAC- second Fridays. Kris Ross. An evening event. Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps other arrangements are possible.

Anitra W. - there is supposedly a draw down that incomplete. \$25,000.00 (approximately).

Chairperson Baxter will follow-up with Mrs. Ausan about this matter.

Kevin A. - would like to serve as a coordinator for the Drive to benefit for Pine Ridge.

Leo Yankton- would like to organize an appreciate dinner for Georgiana Ausan.

Anitra W. - a follow-up request with St. Monica's.

Dr. Kirk D. met with Lori Seibel three weeks ago.

Anitra W. - The taxes were reviewed and questioned.

Additional point- There were some articles about the Indian Center and where is the re-branding process.

Kevin A. would like to get all of our photos.

12. Motion to adjourn 9:38pm

Anitra W. moved to adjourn.

Kevin A. seconded the motion.

Next meeting- April 17, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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Colette M. Yellow Robe,  
ICI Board Secretary