

Diné Nizhóní Inc. Meeting

Agenda / Meeting Notes / October 14, 2021

1- Welcome, prayer

2- Business

a. Vision Statement Brainstorming- Clayton

i. Clayton: What we want

- 1. We train both youth and elders about various cultural ideas and things;*
- 2. New Diné Warrior; Focused on believing in Dine ways and understandings; preparing people to fight for their way of life and being*
- 3. Figuring out a way to make gains towards our dreams; personal and group learning (lifelong learning processes);*
- 4. Connecting with others worldwide to have continued conversations;*
- 5. We are could be focused on preservation and revitalization of our community knowledge and language*
- 6. Values: Believe (faith/hope), Restoration, Responsibility, Connection (interpersonal and intercultural), Equality*

ii. Andrew: What we want

- 1. Diane mentioned connecting to the idea of helping people with their dreams; we can have training sessions (TED-like talks) from experts to help others achieve their dreams; these would be experts that would help others in the same realm;*
- 2. More focused on education of the wider community; Promoting indigenous knowledge and knowledge structures*

3. *Educating our people to be better and do better*
- iii. *Andrew: What we don't want*
 1. *We are not trying to imitate the other non-profits in the area (e.g. UBD, UNHS, UNTF, etc.) Help support their missions in partnership, but want to engage in our own vision.*
- iv. *Micah: What we want*
 1. *We should try to focus on language and culture revitalization in the community*
 2. *Create opportunities (time/space) for people to learn and practice cultural knowledge*
 3. *Amplify indigenous existence and presence presently and to create a foundation for those to come in the future*

b. Board members-

Executive Director- **Clayton Long**- The New Diné Warrior, Navajo Language, culture, Government and history (translation, teaching, Freelance translator, etc.), Westwater Diné Coordinator, BMD Community Board member, Nations Board president, Navajo Language Renaissance board president,

Andrew Dayish- Interest- (CyberNative, Youth Gardening, Hózhó Speaks,

Micah Daniels- (Elementary Teachers-5th grade, War and Peace Chief Board Structure concept

Notah Tahy-(Board Member of previous non-profit for many years)

Diane Benn-(Bluff- St. Christopher's Mission Community Garden)

Cecile Leeboy- (Former HL Teacher, Singer, Cultural Classes) - No longer available to be on board.

Potential- Kolby Tsosie (Social Studies Teacher, WHS), Craig Benally (Bluff, Photo, music, HS kids, Justine , Don Mose- Traditional Healer, Charlotta Lacy

(former language teacher, translator), Reagan Wystalucy,

- c. *New DNI Logo- changed from mountain to MV mitten in center of circle*
- d. *Twitter/Instagram/FB- We have these pages, so make sure to follow. We can post Clayton's language videos and any other materials that helps promote our vision from other board members*
 - i. *Micah and Clayton were added as administrators to the pages so that they could post content as well*
 - ii. *Micah: We can try to assign people the responsibility monthly to ensure we are posting regularly and rotate; maybe there can be a threshold number of posts per week/day??*

3- Next Meeting- November 4, 2021 @6:00pm, adjourn

- e. Bank- Desert River- vote?
- f. Other, Hózhó Speaks podcast-vote?

Attendance: Clayton Long, Andrew Dayish, *Micah Daniels, Justina Laymen, Notah Tahy, Mystery Galaxy A12*