

Diné Nizhóní Inc. Meeting

Agenda / Meeting Notes / December 2, 2021

Attendance: Clayton, Andrew, Diane (Zoom), Reagan, Micah (Zoom)

1- Welcome and Prayer- Clayton Long (5:36pm)

2- Business

a. Hózhó Speaks (5:46pm)- Andrew

- i. There was a \$550 Reimbursement to Andrew
 1. Moved to Desert Rivers Bank- Signatories are Clayton, Andrew, Reagan, and Micah for the account
 - a. Need to go over to the bank when next available and sign papers + provide a copy of ID to be put on file.
 - b. Only one debit card- Clayton is official card holder and will not use unless motion is made by board and approved.
 - c. Reagan may have a conflict of interest- and will only sign for purchases as a last resort
- ii. Equipment- 4 mics, 4 headsets, and a recorder (battery powered so that it is portable) WE GOT A GREAT DEAL!!!
 1. There are attachments available to record with Zoom and phone devices
 - a. Each recording device has its own track
 - i. Has programmable buttons to cue intro music and introduction
 - b. Has SD card port to transfer data to computer for editing
- iii. Podcast will be free for everyone to listen

1. How are people preserving cultures and language- highlight the uniqueness of guests and their respective projects
 - a. For example: Clayton teaches language classes and integrates the writing and reading through literature; he preserves stories for children and students involved with classes
 2. Already have much interest in podcast**
 - a. Once things take off we can begin asking for donations for the projects we will be funding.
 - b. In the future we can get a grant to help expand the language program that Clayton is piloting (building off of Duolingo Project that involves the kids)- Marrying technology and traditional ways
 3. Interview the Board Members to help them gain attention and support for their projects
 4. Use traditional way of thinking for the podcast
 - a. Interview begins in the East- the thinking, and origins; moves to the South- the planning; then West- Life and Implementation; and finally North- Dreams and more ideas, reflections, what a person is headed towards
- b. DNI Board- What roles do we play?
- i. **We are a working board**- this means that we are all doing and taking actions that help preserve and revitalize our culture
 - ii. Survivance + maintenance of our identities = goal
- c. Individual DNI Board Member Interests
- i. Reagan- Being in Agriculture
 1. Goal: Have all the resources available to feed our nation; food sovereignty of the Navajo Nation; Local sustainability
 - ii. Clayton- Teaching Language and History to students outside the reservation

1. Goal: Desire to share language and culture to those kids that do not have ready access or have very little exposure
 - a. Provides eligibility for Chief Manulito scholarship
- iii. Andrew- Bridging gap between language/culture and technology
 1. Goal: The integration of STEM and cultural knowledge
 - a. Micah: We can read a book together as a Board- Braiding Sweetgrass by Willma Kimmerer
- iv. Micah: Culture and language revitalization within the school system
 1. Goal: Decolonize and indigenize the education system to be welcoming and empowering to indigenous students, recognize and call out settler colonialism within curriculum; immersion charter school for the community; provide students with strategies to practice social and racial justice in the classroom
- v. Diane- Sustainability and local sovereignty
 1. Goal: Helping the kids learn their identity and culture/history; provide them with a clear understanding to contextualize the the state of our Nations contemporarily
 2. Cleaning the Earth projects and programming
 - a. Earth Day projects and annual events
 3. Reagan: We can have Diane be a Program Coordinator because she sounds very passionate about providing opportunities for students to participate in hands-on events
- d. DNI By-Laws- clarification and discussion- Andrew
 - i. We can add more board members (this is flexible)
 1. Can have up to 7-9 board members; at present we have 7
 - ii. Officers- two year terms
 1. Initial officers (i.e., Andrew, Reagan, Micah) will be in office for three years to offset startup protocols
 - iii. Need 4 members present to have a quorum-

- iv. Directors are not liable for corporation actions
 - v. War Council and Peace Councils- structured after the family dynamics (Mother- peacekeeper/ Father- enforcer); A small Nation is within the Hogan
 - 1. Executive Director and President have equal sharing of power, legally
 - a. Executive Director- leader of the Peace Council
 - b. President- leader of the War Council
 - i. Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer are required positions by state law, but our operations will focus on the two councils
 - vi. Official Seal
 - 1. Used on all official documents for business
 - vii. Get rid of “Members” Clause- we don’t have any members “buying shares”
- e. CITI Certification and potential training-
- i. This will address copyrights of stories shared on Podcasts and give protections to the knowledges shared
- f. Motion from Clayton (6:53pm)- to purchase PO Box and purchase domain hosting for website
- i. Reagan seconded the Motion
 - 1. All board member will contribute \$20 for web domain at next meeting
 - ii. Unanimous vote in favor- motion carries (6:54pm)
- g. Action Steps-
- i. Sending out Board Directory with contact information and by-laws- **Andrew**
 - ii. Send out link to provide commentary on DNI website- **Andrew**
 - iii. Email out a copy of the meeting minutes- **Micah**
 - iv. Research “Shared Drive” access for DNI organization; find central

area for file sharing; Look into DropBox- **Micah and Andrew**

- v. Pictures to be taken for DNI website launch- TBD
- vi. Purchase a PO Box for mailed in donations- **Clayton and Andrew**

3- Next Meeting- *January 6, 2021 @5:30pm*