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Diné Nizhóní Incorporated

Strategic Planning Meeting | Community Gardens
Riverside.fm Studio Meeting

Present- Andrew, Micah, and Clayton

- 1) Welcome and Prayer- Clayton Long
 - a) We will talk, but not vote on anything, We will also record the meeting so that a link can be sent out to Board members that are not present.
 - b) Opening- 6:17pm

- 2) Business-
 - a) Podcast Updates:
 - i) Interviewee: Ariel Platero: A recent graduate with a focus in STEM
 - (1) Talked about potential
 - ii) Potential Interviewees:
 - (1) 2021- Clayton's daughter was "Teacher of the Year" award and participated in State
 - (a) We should interview her, and encourage our local people to go into education
 - (b) She is scheduled to be a potential interviewee in the near future (available alternate if/when needed)
 - (2) Next time we can focus on people in the county- and try to include more Navajo guests.
 - (a) These people are traveling ahead and can communicate with the younger generation of Diné people
 - (3) We can also interview Andrew
 - (a) With ties to Lickity Split
 - (4) Micah is also a potential interviewee in the near future

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(5) Eilene Quatina (?) - coordinates cultural enrichment activities outside of school.

(a) Program is recognized nationally, and is from Dennehotso

(6) Chuck

(7) Mosen

(8) Don - More traditional

(a) Storyteller and may talk about the monuments

(9) Stanley Nez - Family Courts and is recently retired

(a) Explore how the courts reached out to families and the community

(b) Teach the Navajo families to deal with conflict and issues in cultural ways (Traditional Law)

(c) Could be a potential board member to

(10) Ms. Tso - Council Delegate (NN Government Representative) or Davis Filfred (Veteran)

(a) Both individuals are bilingual

(11) Peter McDonald - Tell us about Code Talkers and speak on experience as the Navajo Nation President

(a) Still heading a project that deals with NN Code Talker memorial in Washington D.C.

(12) Carnalita Lee - School District Director and Teacher at Navajo Technical Institute

(a) Teaches Navajo Language and Culture

(13) Bud and Tereasa Fraiser (Navajo Strong) - Group/Non-profit

(a) Covid response

(b) Tereasa is also involved with Upward Bound (she can get interviewed twice)

iii) Podcast Reach:

(1) 1 month ago had about 2,000 listeners, presently its almost doubled

(2) Micah: Mom loves the podcast and listens to Clayton's episodes multiple times

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(a) Ask mother about if there is someone she would like to hear about on the show?

iv) Swag Ideas:

(1) Have linked to Andrew's store and proceeds come to DNI and Hozho Speaks account

b) DNI Updates:

i) 501(c)3 Registration

(1) Application is currently submitted and status is pending

(2) This is for federal recognition and can be used for State designation in the near future

(a) Also used for tax exemptions

(3) Once we have status, we are eligible to apply for different grants

(4) Greg Jackson- could be our grant writer (should invite him to our next meeting)

(a) If you have people grant for you- there can be a stipend included in the Grant

(b) He writes grants for millions of dollars, and comes to a meeting once a month for San Juan Foundation

(c) Makes grant available to us, and inform or supervise us (DNI) on how to execute all stipulations of the "contract" involved with the grant

(d) Debbie Benally- willing to apprentice with Greg to learn how to grant write

(5) Micah: Micah why do we want the 501(c)3 status? Why not 501(c)4, 5, or 6?

(a) 501(c)3- public charity, and try to be neutral

(b) 501(c)4- these are not tax exempt

(c) Let's ask Greg a one item question- why should we be a 501(c)3 corporation?

ii) Tax Update:

(1) Andrew met with Steve Black- \$95 fee

(2) Filing was fairly easy because we are a new organization

iii) Community Garden Funding:

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- (1) Andrew: Will start cleaning up and will install seating
 - (a) Students will usually begin coming mid-April
 - (b) This garden requires a shelving unit for the greenhouse set up. Needs six 3-foot shelves for approx. \$300 total
 - (2) Micah: Everything is planned and ready and will be accepting donation on Donors Choose Project page
 - (a) See following link:
 - (3) 7:00pm- Motion to donate \$900 for all community gardens
 - (a) Andrew motions and Micah seconds
 - (b) Andrew will reach out to other board members to vote on funding garden projects. Each site will receive \$300 each.
 - (c) Micah, Andrew, Clayton- Yes (7:01pm)
 - (d) Regan and Diane (virtually voting)- Yes (7:41pm and 7:46pm; respectively)
- iv) Donation Handling-
- (1) Clayton: Shirley offered to provide donations for us to give out to the community in near future
 - (a) Can bring all donations back from SLC
 - (2) Andrew: A guy from Chicago reached out about providing donations for our community (we can touch on this again in the future)
- c) Board Project Updates-
- i) Clayton: Started Navajo Government class online. Students will earn points towards earning the Chief Manuelito Scholarship
 - (1) Westwater community will have a meeting coming up- Westwater will potentially get funding for utilities beginning soon
 - (a) Blanding will build up to
 - (b) Water about 1-2 years from being connected
 - (2) Projects help us build spaces for our individual growth (like a plant). Charlata was offered a position at the USU campus
 - ii) Micah: We had a PBIS meeting on Monday and talked about CRPBIS and how to incorporate it into our school culture

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(1) Currently in the process of designing and completing expectations posters for the school that incorporate aspects of the Beauty Way Teachings

(2) Clayton: When the time comes to order, you can utilize JOM funds and have the Heritage Language Resource Center to print all the materials needed.

iii) Andrew: Has mostly been working in the community garden and does not have much to report

3) Action Steps-

- a) Micah- Add link to Donors Choose project for MZC garden at the elementary school in the Meeting Minutes
- b) Clayton- Go to visit Notah and check-in
- c) Micah- Redraft by-laws with Ruth Hopkins to incorporate Peace-time council and War-time council structure (providing board with two options to vote on when it comes to by-laws)

4) Next Meeting- Thursday, April 7, 2022 @6:00pm