

NARRAGANSETT INDIAN TRIBE
JOHNSON-O'MALLEY PROGRAM
PARENT EDUCATION COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2024

Members in Attendance; **Committee:** Ray Lamphere - President, Coty Spears-Fulton - Vice President, Heather Perry - Treasurer, Janee Robinson - Secretary, Jennifer Robinson - Correspondence Secretary. **Education Director:** Carla Monroe. **Parent body:** Monica Stanton, Jennifer Johnson, Sandra Pates, Tyra Hazard, Cassius Spears Jr, Rhonda Fry, Keith Sampson, Ashkeah Hopkins, Sierra Spears, Kimiko Burdick, Leann Burns, Nicole Thomas, Indiah Reyna, Hombre Harris, Thawn Harris, Steven Smith, Kristine Duarte.

I. Call to Order

Ray Lamphere-President , officially called to order the monthly meeting of the Johnson-O'Malley Program Parent Education Committee at 6:40 pm on May 13, 2024.

II. Ratify minutes

Janee Robinson- Secretary read the April 8, 2024 Johnson-O'Malley meeting minutes. Keith Sampson made a motion to accept the April minutes with corrections which was seconded by Cassius Spears Jr.

Vote as follows: 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion passed.

III. Honoring Our Youth Ceremony

Ray Lamphere-President, stated that the committee had discussed having the ceremony at Yawgoo this year to keep it local. He recalled that most people said they "had a good time" when the Honoring Our Youth ceremony was previously held there. Ray opened up the discussion for the parent body. Most agreed that Yawgoo was a good idea.

Cassius Spears Jr. brought up the possibility of having the ceremony at Canonicus Camp and Conference Center. He stated that although it may be an unpopular choice, since it is just a lake and not a water park, the camp does feature hiking trails, fishing, swimming, boating, and a ropes course. There was a question brought up of whether or not JOM would be able to have the ceremony there if Canonicus had a camp in session. Cassius said that he didn't think they had camps there but that people could reserve their time.

Ray Lamphere-President, reiterated the fact that keeping the ceremony local could possibly eliminate repeating the financial loss JOM had from last years Honoring Our Youth ceremony at Lake Compounce.

Thawn Harris suggested having the ceremony outside of the Four Winds, with bouncy houses and water slides, to which Janee Robinson-Secretary replied that the committee was trying to set up an event where they were also able to enjoy themselves, and have less set up and break

down time. Steven Smith then said that he liked Thawn's idea to which Heather Perry-Treasurer reiterated Janee's statement by saying that it is a lot for the committee to have to get the food and set up and break down everything. Steven stated that it is the committee's job to do that for the children. Heather said she was open to whatever.

Ray Lamphere-President called for a vote:

Yawgoo 13 Four Winds 7 2024 JOM Honoring Our Youth ceremony will be at Yawgoo.

IV. Policies and Procedures (Regular Status)

Ray Lamphere-President, stated that the motion that was made at last month's meeting regarding regular status and disregarding two meetings was out of order due to the fact that there are currently policies and procedures that were approved by the parent body. Changing them would require a spot on a monthly meeting agenda and an amendment. He also mentioned that there are people that were not present at the meeting who may have been if they knew that was going to be voted on.

Ashkeah asked when the policies were voted on. Jennifer Robinson-Correspondence secretary stated that those policies had been in place during the last committee. There was some discussion and it was noted that they may have been ratified in November of 2023.

Cassius Spears Jr. asked what was modified to which Monica Stanton replied that the only thing that was modified was that there were no dues collected due to the community meetings currently being conducted on zoom.

Ray Lamphere-President stated that there was confusion about emails being sent and that he had been informed that all emails were sent. Cassius Spears said that he didn't want to get into it but that he didn't receive an email. Jennifer Johnson stated that all those who registered on time received the zoom link.

V. Old Business

Ray Lamphere-President, mentioned that only 4 people have been signed up to receive stoles and that the company is requiring at least 8 to fulfill the order. There was quite a bit of discussion regarding this matter.

Sierra Spears asked if Kindergarten graduation could be included to get more of the required order completed. She said she had a child graduating Kindergarten.

Carla Monroe-Education Director, stated that she believes two more people are needed because a few more were submitted making the current total at six.

Ray Lamphere-President said that currently JOM is only giving out stoles to those graduating from High School.

Thawn Harris suggested ordering some blank sashes to fulfill the order and to have on hand for next year. Jennifer Johnson agreed stating that the sashes could be embroidered with the tribal seal but only those who signed up will be embroidered with individual names and the rest will be on hand for next year.

Ray Lamphere-President stated that due to issues regarding materials, the last two Cultural classes will be reserved for those who initially signed up for making a regalia piece. Cassius

Spears jr asked what should be brought to those classes to which Thawn Harris replied that everyone could make one piece for their regalia possibly replacing an outgrown item or an item an individual may not have.

Ashkeah Hopkins asked what kind of buckskin would be provided. Would it be more natural colors? Carla Monroe said that she ordered what was available in stock and that a lot of the natural colors were not. However, some natural was ordered, as was smoked, white and golden skins. Carla also stated that any donations can be dropped off at the administration building.

Ashkeah Hopkins asked what happened regarding Great Wolf Lodge. Ray Lamphere-President stated that the committee would contact all those who qualified due to their status as regulars. Sandra Pates asked how regular status can be obtained to which Coty Spears Fulton-Vice President replied that an individual will obtain regular status when they attend three consecutive JOM meetings.

Thawn Harris asked if the next meeting will be in person. Ray Lamphere-President said yes. This led to a short discussion regarding the JOM committee election taking place on June 10, 2024.

Ray Lamphere-President, asked if there was any other old business. Noone replied.

VI. New Business

There is no new business at this time

VII. Adjourning roll call

Everyone who initially signed into the meeting was present at the adjourning roll call except Kimiko Burdick.

Ray Lamphere-President reminded everyone that the next Cultural class is this Sunday, May 19, 2024 from 12-3pm at the four winds.

VIII. Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Monica Stanton and Seconded by Sierra Spears.
Ray Lamphere-President, adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Robinson-Correspondence Secretary