

Indigenous People's Day planning meeting 9/29/2021
Present: Benny, Daniela, Nicole, Raffa (from the public)

Land acknowledgement at all HRC events:

- This could be cool. Would have to bring it to the full commission

Contact with the Bayrds:

- Nicole reached out to Deb Bayrd over FB messenger (that's how Amy said she gets in contact with her), but haven't heard back.
- Benny reached out to another member of the community to see if they have Deb's contact info.
- Nicole got in contact with Leonard Rose who said he would come tonight, but he didn't join us. Nicole will reach back out to him to see if she can give him a call to talk things over.

Book readings:

- Our youth member Emma emailed about wanting to get involved in an HRC project, we could invite her to do a reading.
- Benny got the three books from the library in case that's helpful
- Hispanic Heritage Month celebration is on the 14th
- We could post our readings on the three days of the long weekend, Sat, Sun, Mon
- We are Water Protectors: Daniela found some recordings on youtube of Indigenous people reading the book. We could link to one of those readings and then also share info about current events. Either together or in separate posts.
- Or Nicole can read it
- It would be great to have a middle school aged book also, in addition to the kids books. We could sub out *When We Were Alone* for one that's more for middle school ages. Maybe one of the essays in *#NotYourPrincess*
- For *Hiawatha and the Peacemaker* we could post in tandem to the book reading a video of the head of the Hodinoshoni people, he has various videos about this story and their history.
- Rather than having white people read, in order to disrupt the history of white people speaking for Native people, we could ask other POC if we do not have any Native participants who want to do a reading. Could ask Teresa? Benny will reach out to her.
- We will post the videos in order from youngest to oldest, so *We are Water Protectors* on Saturday 10/9, then *Hiawatha and the Peacemaker* on Sunday 10/10, then the essay from *#NotYourPrincess* on Monday 10/11

Buffy Sainte-Marie has a documentary coming out. It turns out she's from Wakefield!? The documentary might not be out until next year. But maybe we could post some of her music.

Next meeting:

Next Wednesday 10/6 at 7pm

Next steps:

- Benny will contact Teresa for doing a reading
- Nicole will try to get in touch with Leonard Rose, and if he's interested in getting involved will connect him with Benny to work out the logistics
- Nicole will do her recording and send me that and the FB page
- Raffa will send the links he put together, and the info for a FB post to go along with the *Hiawatha and the Peacemaker* reading.