

WHRC Indigenous Peoples Day Planning Subcommittee

9/24/2022

Present: Benny, Eileen, Teri Vincent (from the public)

1. Call to order and attendance 12:34pm
2. Collaboration with neighboring towns and organization
 - a. Melrose:
 - i. Night of the Living Rez: The Melrose UCC is piggybacking on the Melrose Library's author talk, and then have an in-person discussion afterwards.
9/29/2022
 1. Teri will see about updating their flyer/materials to include WHRC
 2. Eileen will put this on the WHRC facebook page
 - ii. Turtle Island art project: that could happen on Sunday 10/16. Could hold it on the church's lawn or in their fellowship hall. Or we could check the Heritage Room at the Civic Center. Both groups can advertise.
 1. Benny will reserve the room
 2. Teri will have someone in her group do a flyer and send it to us
 3. We'll send that flyer to our mailing list, FB, the schools, and advertise to the Boys and Girls club.
 - b. Whitelam Books: reached out but never got an answer
 - c. Albion Cultural Exchange: reached out but never got an answer
3. Possible speakers/contributors:
 - a. Nicole Friederichs:
 - i. She's happy to do a talk regarding native american land rights, this would be free to us.
 - b. Claudia Fox Tree: said that she would be available for a talk, either virtual or in person and gave us some dates.
 - i. One date she offered is Wednesday 10/26 either at 5, 6, or 7. We would probably do 6 or 7 because of commutes etc.
 - ii. Maybe a hybrid event? We can reach out to WCAT to find out what places could be possible for a hybrid event, or for live streaming.
 1. Benny will contact the Wakefield library to see if they'd be interested in cosponsoring and about using their space even if they don't sponsor and if they're equipped for hybrid events.
 - iii. Her usual rate is \$2,000 and she emphasized that we could talk over the fee. We could ask her to go down to maybe \$1,500. We could reach out to Reading to see if they want to partner with us also. So between WHRC, Reading, and the Melrose UCC church we could each contribute \$500?
 1. Eileen will reach out to the Reading folks, and ask Mehreen if she has a contact person with the Melrose HRC

2. Benny will ask Claudia about the fee, and ask her if she'd be open to presenting alongside Nicole Freidrichs or if she would prefer Nicole present separately/not at all.
 3. Benny will make a flyer after communicating with Claudia about photo/bio/etc that she would want on there
- c. Sassafras Earth Education: they recommended David Two Arrows Vanderhoop for a keynote, and said they would contact him re availability and get back to us, but haven't heard back yet. If they respond maybe we can start planning something for next year
- d. First Light water blessing: Nicole sent us this idea possibly for next year. A water blessing ceremony from Annawon Weeden of First Light Foundation
4. Next meeting: 10/5 6:30pm
5. Adjourn 1:38pm