

3rd Annual National Gathering of Native American Veterans: Celebrating all U.S. Veterans Wednesday, February 8, 2016 Event Committee Meeting Minutes 6:30 pm – 8:45 pm

Present: Joe P, Macky, Theresa, Eve, Kara, Lisa, Jody, Dawn, Marco, Tracy, Sheila and Nick
Angel and Crystal joined late

Old Business:

- Spelling changes on Sponsorship forms
- Layout of the Tent, entertainment: suggestion to reverse the tent flow

New Business:

- The museum will be closed for renovations at Cantigny for our event this year
- **Thursday** TBD – Fun Night
- **Friday** Dinner (Greeting at 5p, serve dinner 7p, Closing remarks 8:30p-9p)
- **Saturday** morning
Start time 9a, Grand Entry 10a-11a, Hot Dog booth for lunch 11a-11:30a, Town Hall with workshops 12p-3:30p, Entertainment to start around 4-5p, Dinner around 5-7p then dancers from 7p-9p.
- **Sunday** Breakfast at 9a and special speakers.. to close out 9am to 1p

Meeting Topics:

- 1) Meals: Jon Fowler
What can we afford? 4k, 4.5k?
Water
Native Valor / Pepsi: beverages, snack
- 2) Entertainment:
Drum: Ask Pokagon Tribe to sponsor again with water for all veterans again
Special Dancer groups on Saturday
Maori have offered a Haka, Aztec Dancers, Native Pride Dancers Larry Yazzie,
Southern Style Gourd dancers, budget?
Bands: When and how many bands? Budget?

Vendors:

All Native Veteran Artists FREE Art Booth 10x10 under Large Native Artist tent.

More to talk about.. All arts and craft vendors are welcome \$150.00 for the weekend, supply their own tent, power, tables and chairs per setup of vending committee.

No other food booths this year. Need a bigger crowd for additional food booths.

Rough camping (no RV's or campers) for Veterans or vendors only!!

Fire is okay – must dig pit and be manned 24hrs.

Volunteer Update: Jody

To Contact Terry and her students, along with other schools (ie. Columbia, Schaumburg Art Institute, Wheaton College), previous volunteers, Scouts Director to form a partnership, ask the VFW to sponsor a Veteran Code talkers (4) plus guest to come.

Nick to contact: Hands Up Chicago for volunteer connections

Fundraiser: Sunday, April 23rd 2p-6p – Lead by Dawn, needs help to add to her team at Mac's on Slade Dawn to cover details and needs.

Promo for the Mac's on Slade event on Instagram, Facebook, etc..

Final Report online available to view at: <http://online.fliphtml5.com/vtib/xbgn/>

2017 Video team: Columbia College film Dept. Director is considering..

Photography: Reaching out to Helix Camera shop, they helped last year with photographers

Viewed documentary (draft that Emily is working on) the intent is to have it air on PBS.

Next Meeting is March 8TH at 6:30pm.

The meetings will be the second Wednesday of each month.