



YA-KA-AMA

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**Ya-Ka-Ama Board Meeting Minutes
Sonoma County Indian Health Project
Monday, March 05, 2007**

Called to order: 6:12 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Nelson Pinola, Bob Baguio, Vana Lawson, Violet Wilder, Eric Wilder, Sandy Smith

Absent: Marcy DeLira, Dennis Parrish

Approval of Agenda- okay with addition of seating of newly elected Board members
Motion to approve agenda with addition of seating new Board members – Vana
2nd - Eric

Seating of New Board Members:

Sandy Smith
Violet Wilder
Joann Bacci - Sick
Lynn Silva

Election of Executive Board:

1 yr terms

Nominations for Chair- Nelson Pinola

Motion to Close and seat: Vana Lawson
2nd - Robert Baguio

Nominations for Vice Chair- Eric Wilder

Motion to Close and seat: Vana Lawson
2nd - Sandy Smith

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Nominations for Secretary- Violet Wilder

Motion to Close: Vana Lawson

2nd - Nelson Pinola

Motion to Seat: Nelson Pinola

2nd – Eric Wilder

Nomination for Treasurer-Bob Baguio

Motion to Close-Nelson Pinola

2nd – Eric Wilder

Motion to Seat – Violet Wilder

2nd – Eric Wilder

Reading of Minutes- Tabled - Technical difficulties

Motion to table: Eric Wilder

2nd - Sandy Smith

Committee Reports:

Chairman Report-Nelson Pinola

- By laws- Three meetings have occurred to review the current by-laws.
 - A few community members were invited to attend. We would like to keep it to a few community members for now so as not to slow the initial process.
 - There is a current road block regarding membership makeup. federally recognized or not,
 - Should we include natives indigenous to area only or include out of state Indians residing in the area.
 - Who is eligible to serve on Board, should it only include people from member tribes, or as stated before, residing in area but originate from other states.

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Do we want to form a By-Law Committee? If we form a committee it needs to produce a document to bring forward to be reviewed by a larger group. Committee should meet more than once a month, maybe 3 times a month.

Motion to form a By-Law Committee – Robert Baguio

2nd - Nelson Pinola

Motion Carried

Motion to Appoint Eric Wilder as Chair of By-Law Committee

2nd – Nelson Pinola

Motion Carried

Eric will setup dates for By-Law meeting

- No Teacher at this point, he has taken another position.
- Request for donation to replace ceiling in front conference room was approved and given by FIGR. The ceiling was installed by Nelson Pinola, Richard Lawson, Adrian Santiago. Materials were over-estimated on first invoice. The installation and materials came in \$110 under budget. Nelson has a thank you letter and photos with receipts to go out to FIGR. Lighting fixtures and paint were purchased with additional funds. Thank you to Kashaya, Manchester/Point Arena and Adrian Santiago for doing a great job.
- We are looking at improving another room down the hall from the reception area.
- Manchester/Point Arena donated money to purchase fence materials. (That were torn down by a user)

Motion to approve Chairman's report – Robert Baguio

2nd – Eric Wilder

Motion Carried

Question :

Who is the caretaker? Information was given on position and status of the caretaker contract.

When was the last time it was surveyed?

Signs should be posted. (“Passing at your own risk” etc.) –

Response: Sign is and has been posted for many years.

Finance- Bob Baguio – Tabled until next time.

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Motion to table Finance Report – Vana Lawson
2nd – Eric Wilder

Personnel Committee - Vana Lawson – No report

Nelson noted that the Caretaker evaluation is due.
Vana needs to setup a meeting with Caretaker.

Educational-Vana:

Vana attended WIP meeting and informed the committee about the vacant teacher position.
Some interest was noted, suggestions were made as to where we could go from here.
How can we better prepare students for their GED – a suggestion was made that maybe they can attend in SR.
Two people were willing to meet with us about it.
The Teacher position has been posted on CALJOBS/Craigslist.
It will be posted again at SRJC and Sonoma State, but the job description needs to be done.

Nelson suggested that we send the announcement to the CIMC office.

Nelson asked about possibility of probationers attending our program. Vana needs to contact the county probation office about this possibility.

Motion to accept the Education Report – Bob Baguio
2nd – Nelson Pinola

Planning- Violet, Sandy Smith – No Report
Suggestions for future Planning issues. We need to work on recruiting...

- Consultants-skilled etc.
- We should place an AD regarding donations on a website called “Indian Country”

Cultural- Sandy Smith, Eric Wilder - No Report

Instructors Report- Mark Garrow – No Report

Administrative Asst. Report – Betty Molina - No Report

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Betty is having computer issues.

Old Business – None

New Business -

- Keegan memo: Regarding tank removal.
- Easter Egg Hunt- Laura Lawson would like Ya-Ka-Ama to endorse and Easter Egg Hunt event set for April 7th.

Motion to Authorize Easter Egg Hunt Event and to combine it with a work day –

Nelson Pinola

2nd - Vana

- First Saturday/Sunday of the Month work days. Starting in April 7th.
 - What will be done
 - Landscaping

Look at changing Board meeting date.

Can we have it later in the month to accommodate the financial reports. The meeting has to be kept as it is, SCIHP does not have other days available for meetings. The meeting room is filled on the other days of the week.

Motion to Adjourn – Robert Baguio

2nd – Sandy Smith