



Parent Committee Meeting in the Osage Casino banquet room
August 28, 2019
6:24PM

1. Roll Call:

- a. Board Members: Teresa Hight, Brook Kemble, Mary Hammer, Andrea Kemohah (absent) Marilyn Booth
- b. Attendees: Avis Ballard, Travis Anderson, Sunny Vaughn, Joanna Martin, Tracy Miller, Karen Mahan, Angela Randolph, Jaquie Jones, Shelia Maggard, Mel Lang, Cassandra Abrams.

2. Opening Prayer; Tom Slavin

3. Financial Reporting

- a. We will defer this part of the agenda to our Osage Nation JOM adviser Avis Ballard. We have some funds remaining in our FY19 funds, \$3588.39. The amount that we spent on school supplies was \$13,249. This amount is higher than the previous year because the committee decided to buy name brand supplies, making the cost higher. We started spending FY19 in July. The reason we haven't been spending FY19 funds yet was the President Trump decided not to fund the JOM program. Osage Nation was kind enough to appropriate some fund for us while we waiting for that decision to be over turned. That decision was made in Dec 2018. The funds were not received until March 2019, and then were available for spending in July. We are supposed to receive more fund Oct 2019. I will keep all of this updated in the financial reporting.

4. Report on School Distribution.

- a. We had a lot more new students than we had anticipated but we are happy to see our student numbers jump. There were some students that did not receive their supplies. We let the parents that did not receive their child's supplies know that we will have it at the back to school Bash. For parents that missed the distribution date, we let them know that we would have supplies at the back to school Bash. We received a lot of compliments on how organized and well run the event was. Parents were pleased with how quick they got their supplies.
- b. The Back to School Bash was also very successful. There was a lot of students there and their families. Osage Nation Prevention brought bounce houses but unfortunately were not able to play a movie due to the ground being too wet for the equipment. We had a DJ from Pawnee nation. Osage Nation Early Education also came to the event and ran a snow cone machine for the students. We held this event at Skiatook Central Park. There were some surveys given during our event. Because of the large number of surveys they received we will be able to do this again if we choose.
- c. We are going to discuss where and when we should do school supplies distribution again for next year. Other JOM chapters tend to do their school supplies distribution during an event. Next year, depending on the weather, we could possibly do our distribution during the back to school event.

5. New events.



- a. We are wanting to plan a culture night for our students. We became aware early on that there is a need and want for cultural support in our community. We are currently working with Osage Nation Cultural Center as well as other Native artists that are wanting to help facilitate these classes. We would like to open the floor to anyone that has anything specific they would like to learn how to make in these classes.
 - b. No comments or requests at this time.
6. Reimbursements, Forms to be signed or turned in.
- a. This committee has voted in previous meetings to change the current rule of reimbursement. The new rule is the parent must attend two meetings or a meeting and an event to get their reimbursement processed. We would like to say that we would never turn away anyone with a request for reimbursements but we changed this rule to have more parent participation. This group is for the benefit of our native students. For this program to survive and thrive we all need to work together. We are all available to the parents if you have any questions or concerns, just come talk to us and we will give you our information. We would like to open the floor to the public if you have any questions of concerns about the new rule.
 - 1. How can you just change the rule like that? What do that bylaws state? Avis Ballard (JOM Program Advisor) stated, the bylaws only state how the program is to be structured. Each chapter has their own rules and regulations. No chapter have the same rules. As long as the rules are in compliance with the JOM program they can change the rules with a vote. This committee voted and the motion passed for this new rule to be instated.
 - 2. Where can we find on the website where this rule was passed? All of the minutes and agendas are posted on the JOM website as well as the Facebook page. If you cannot find it or those minutes are not posted please let us know and we will correct it. If you cannot find the minutes with the vote, our secretary will have them sent and posted tomorrow.
 - 3. I was not aware of the cap and gown reimbursement. My senior has already graduated. Can I still be reimbursed for this purchase? Yes. Please give us the child's name and where we can contact the company for receipts. You will need to fill out a reimbursement form and then we can start processing.
 - 4. How long does it take for us to get our money back? At the bottom of the reimbursement form it states that all reimbursements can take up to 1-2 weeks for the check to be sent to the address presented on the form.
 - 5. I'm new to the area and I didn't know about any of the events that have passed. How do I get this information? All events will be posted on social media as well as the Osage Nation website. We are currently waiting to get permission to be able to provide this information to the school as well.

The next JOM meeting will take place Sept 18, 2019 at 6:00pm. We will be in the breakfast nook of the Osage Casino. Motion to adjourn made by Mary Hammer. Motion Second by Brooklyn Kemble. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourn 7:15pm