



North Idaho Way, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

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Location: Farmhouse BBQ
Date: 9/15/2021
Time: 6:00 pm
Facilitator: Dan McDonald, Chairman

1. Call to Order

2. Invocation

Thomas Leo gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Dan McDonalds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Programs and /or Special Guest

The LPOSD Superintendent, Tom Albertson, gave a presentation on Critical Race Theory (CRT), the LPOSD Mask Policy, and the LPOSD Budget. Mr. Albertson stated that LPOSD does not teach CRT, they teach Social Studies. He continued to say that each school in Idaho is held to the Idaho Content Standards, which can be found here: [Idaho Content Standards](#) and here: [Idaho Content Standards - Social Studies](#). These standards come from the State Board of Education, and they basically show where a student should be by the end of a school year. Mr. Albertson stated that if there is a lesson that might not fit with a family's values, then LPOSD has a policy to opt-out. He went on to state that per schoolboard policy, teachers must teach with neutrality and not attempt to directly or indirectly limit or control students' judgement concerning any issue. "For further measure, the school district does not allow teachers to tell their students who they are voting for. It is not the school's purpose to override the family beliefs." Mr. Albertson presented a portion of the School Board Policy on Controversial Issues and Academic Freedom which can be found here: [LPOSD Policy on Controversial Issues & Academic Freedom](#). Mr. Albertson briefly touched on the Mask Policy at LPOSD. He stated that their policy is that Masks are optional. If transmission of COVID is high, then the policy moves to recommended. You can see their COVID policy here: [LPOSD Operational Plan](#), then click on COVID Guidelines. Mr. Albertson stated that K12 schools do not fall under OSHA guidelines and therefore do not have to follow the federal mandates. He said that LPOSD operates under the policy that vaccines are a family choice, the same as

face coverings and that there are no vaccine clinics, and nurses are not promoting vaccines. “Our intent is not to give medical advice; we suggest you speak with your doctor”. Mr. Albertson did not get to the budget matter, however, you can find the LPOSD budget here: [LPOSD Budget](#) Mr. Albertson opened his talk up for questions...

5. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum:

Present at the meeting and constituting a quorum were NIW, Inc. members: Dan McDonald, Kathy McDonald, Jodi Giddings, Jessi Webster, Patrick Reinbold, Anna Largen, Bill Largen, Marianne Ochs, Debby Trinan, Steve Wasylko, Thomas Leo, & Veronica Dixon.

6. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Jessi Webster and seconded by Jodi Giddings, minutes of the 7/21/21 meeting were approved by those in attendance.

7. Treasurer’s Report

Marianne Ochs reported that she reimbursed Jodi for the rack cards. And the McDonalds for the banners.

8. Committee Reports

Events - Kathy McDonald presented the events lined up for NIW, Inc.

- Fundraiser Dinner - Kathy has tickets to the event. Kathy asked each member to plan on attending the dinner. She also asked that we each take a book (10) of tickets and to bring an auction item for the silent and live auctions. Set up time is 3pm with dinner at 6pm.

Search - Anna Largen presented seven applications for membership: Jim & Louise Peterson, Bob and Gayle Howard, Danielle Ahrens, Sheila Thompson, & Travis Thompson. Kathy made a motion to approve membership of the presented applicants, Jessi seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. New Business

Candidate Support

Marianne Ochs for Dover City Council

Bob Howard for Northside Fire Commissioner

Jessi made a motion to support Marianne and Bob in their candidacy for their perspective races, Steve seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

Note: Marianne has since withdrawn from the Dover City Council Race

11. Announcements

Meeting attendee, Jim Kelly, asked if and how a non-member candidate can get the support of the group. Dan answered by saying that yes, non-members can get the support of NIW and to come see Dan when the meeting is over.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting is October 20th. We will be having a forum for the upcoming November elections.

Note: Due to the large number of candidates running for office, the forum has been moved to October 13th for school board and fire district positions and October 27th for Mayor and City Council positions. There will be a brief NIW business meeting on October 27th at 5pm.

13. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Dixon

Secretary, NIW

Action Items	Assigned to	Deadline	Status
Fundraiser Decorating	Events Committee	10/16/21	Complete
Fundraiser Auction Items	All members	10/16/21	Complete
Website	Thomas	N/A	Ongoing
Precinct Captain Search	Search Committee	N/A	Ongoing