



May 16, 2024, NEST Board Meeting (Meeting called to order at 6:30pm)

In Attendance:

ChaChanna Simpson, President

Katie Knutson, Executive Director

Jim Brule, Vice President

Jezrie Marcano-Courtney, Secretary

Cris Riedel, Treasurer

Denise Page, Social Justice Committee Chair

April Armstrong, STF Committee Chair and Joy Kelly Smith, STF Committee Co-Chair

Sharing the Fire Report, given by April Armstrong and Joy Kelly Smith:

The Committee is looking for a third person to add as co-chair, as well as volunteers to chair the planning and workshop committee. They are beginning to consider what 2025's theme will be and the feature speakers for the conference.

Outreach Committee:

The Committee is moving ahead; they have two places booked in Massachusetts and a site in Albany with two concerts: one for adults and one for children. Vermont for next year, and still working to get venues in Vermont, Connecticut, Westchester, and New York, especially in Glen Falls, where we will be at for Sharing the Fire. Storyspace is also on board and they are in conversation about featured storytellers.

Motion: That the Board of Directors approve \$100 to purchase peace-themed buttons to give to Speak Peace attendees at each event.

Motion approved.

WVSG:

Sent out a survey to find a better time for attendees, waiting on responses.

NEST STTF:

On track, working with tellers to shape up video series.

ED Report:

The executive director report was discussed with the board. No action steps.

Finance:

The committee is updating budget for next fiscal year, and finalized Treasurer position description

**No old or new business

Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Jezrie Marcano-Courtney, May 16, 2024