

FIRST NATIONS CONFERENCE 2010 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Teleconference Meeting – 1:00 PM, Monday, June 29th, 2009

Draft Minutes

PRESENT: Glenna Beaucage (Nipissing FN), Debra Cada (Sheshegwaning FN), Carol Pegahmagabow (Wasauksing FN), Irma Sauvola (OLS- North), Lorraine Leblanc (OLS-North), Meriah Caswell (OLS-North)

1. Joint Conference

- Lorraine suggested that in order to accommodate the needs of both new and seasoned librarians who may benefit from the option of different seminars, the Conference for First Nation Librarians and the Joint Conference be held in tandem at the same location. It would remain two separate conferences with separate banquets, however any librarians who feel they would benefit more from a seminar held in the Joint Conference stream would have the option to attend it.
- The conference venue would be moved to Sudbury.
- The committee approved of the idea.
- Lorraine stated she would speak to Leanne for final approval.

2. Review of 2009 Conference Evaluations

- Meriah summarized the conference, vendor, and session evaluations.
- The committee voiced their approval of speaker Barbara Nolan, the Water Tower Inn, and the language and culture-related programming.
- It was suggested that more language and culture-related programming be provided at the 2010 conference.

3. Session Suggestions

- The committee agreed that more “hands-on” sessions should be provided.
- Possible speakers include professors Jim Dumont and Tony Hall from Laurentian University.
- Glenna suggested that session topics be broken down into six categories: Technology, Language, Culture, Library, Crafts, and a Tour.
- Technology:
 - databases available to librarians, and practice using them
 - practice with the genealogy database
 - video editing tools
 - web 2.0 applications
 - native language databases
- Language:

- how to revitalize the language (Glenna suggested Dr. Anton Treuer as a speaker)
- learning a language through puppets
- Culture:
 - medicine wheel teachings
- Library:
 - Forest of Reading
 - Library programming for children with autism
 - library as a cultural centre
 - Childhood literacy
 - author to come in and speak (suggested author: David Bouchard)
 - book club
- Arts*:
 - ideas for children
 - creation of a children's arts and crafts book
 - Carol suggested making personal drum sticks
 - birch bark book markers
 - (*note: Glenna suggested the word "Arts" be used as opposed to "crafts")
- Tour:
 - First Nation Repository at Whitefish Lake
- Further session suggestions will be sent to Meriah before the next meeting.
- Meriah will present a tentative conference schedule with session topics, titles, speakers, and alternate suggestions for discussion and approval at the next meeting.

4. Theme Suggestions

- Carol suggested the theme revolve around "children" and "culture."
- Leading towards Literacy
- Further theme suggestions will be sent to Meriah before the next meeting.
- Meriah will provide a list of theme suggestions to be decided on at the next meeting.

5. Other Suggestions

- Glenna noted that she liked the "Give Away" at the banquet, and suggested that a drum be included at the 2010 Conference.

6. Next meeting date

- Wednesday, July 22, 2009, 10:00am

7. Adjournment

- The meeting ended at 2:30pm.