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Sep 2 – Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Karen Collins and Mitchell Bush met for dinner at the Atlantis Restaurant in Alexandria, VA before the monthly AIS meeting at the Church of St. Clement. After the meeting, Mitchell headed out to the Onondaga Nation.

Sep 3-5 – Mitchell Bush arrived at the Onondaga Nation in the afternoon, just after a reburial ceremony at which 180 fragments from Susquehannock Indians reclaimed through the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) program were laid to rest on the Gonyea/Bush family holdings. In addition to Tony Gonyea and Wendy Gonyea, both Faithkeepers in the Longhouse Religion, brother John Gonyea and Andy Fish (who conducted/oversaw the reburial) were present, as well as the young Onondaga men who operated the backhoe to dig the pit for the remains. Mitchell's brother, Stephen Gonyea, had returned to Virginia earlier that afternoon. Mitchell feasted on string bean soup and marinated cucumbers from brother John's garden. John's vegetables were prize winners at the Indian Village (IV) at the New York State Fair... On Friday, Mitchell traveled to the State Fairgrounds for Indian Day, as did the Gonyea/Homer/Thomas family grouping. Mitchell's nephew, Frank Hyde, demonstrated painting in the IV. Mitchell met Olive Ward at the cookhouse and Wanda Wood Lyons in the IV. Floyd Elm was MC for the dance program at the IV turtle mound. And Stewart Jamison was among the spectators as was Liz Obamsawin... On Saturday, the family gathered for a coney/hamburger/hot dog lunch before Mitchell returned toward VA. See separate report for his visit to the powwow held on City Island in Harrisburg, PA.

Sep 3-20 - Laughing Daughter a musical written by Roger Penycate played at the Black Box Theatre in Indian Head, Maryland. The musical had 3 local natives in the production: KJ Jacks, Jeff Barehand and Natalie Proctor, and all three did a wonderful job. In addition, Deborah Moore, Keith Anderson, and Michael Nephew served as consultants to the project. Website: www.laughingdaughter.com. *Submitted by Michael Nephew*

Sep 4 – The Shinnecock Tribe hosted its 66th annual powwow, a four day event, at its home reservation in Southampton, Long Island. AIS members who traveled to the powwow reported beautiful weather and a nice presentation. Blackbear (Pete Neconie, Jay and Josh Hill, Greg Sharp, Page Burgess, Dustin Big Mountain) sang. Dancers (all prize winners) were as follows: Josh Hill (1st in Men's Fancy and Special), Katie Issenock (1st in Women's Fancy Shawl), Shawndae Sharp and Donita Neconie (3rd and 4th respectively in Women's Traditional), Pete Neconie and Page Burgess (1st and 2nd respectively in Southern Straight), Jay Hill (2nd in Men's Fancy and 3rd in a Special) and Alexis Hill (1st in Junior Girl's Fancy). The group camped out during their stay in Southampton. Rob Brown, Erlette Lamont, Osa Kote Sharp and Chaske Hill were along for moral support.

Sep 5 – On his way back to Virginia, Mitchell stopped at the Dawson residence on a mountaintop near Lingleston, Pennsylvania. He followed Vivian/Haley Dawson down the mountain to City Island (Riverfront Park) to attend the 13th annual Native American Powwow held Saturday/Sunday/Monday. The event is also called "Kipona: A Celebration of Sparkling Water." In addition to powwow dancing there were performances by the Aztec dancers, Jan Seiden/Jeff Ball (flutists) and Lowery Begay (hoop dancer/performer). The emcee was Rick Hostette (Shawnee), head lady Elizabeth Johnny John (Allegany Seneca) and three drums (Old Bridge, Mother's Daughters and Wolf Nation from Chesapeake, VA). There were many vendors, teepees and a food booth which featured elk, buffalo meats and fry bread/Indian tacos. Our new AIS Princess, Haley Dawson, danced and was given a place of honor in the grand entry. In late afternoon, Mitchell left the powwow and returned to Virginia.

Sep 5 - The DC Drum Circle kickoff event took place at Lincoln Park in Washington, DC. It was a small group, in part due to a change in the originally scheduled location. Dennis Zotigh shared teachings, stories, and songs from many nations and locations east/west/north/south. AIS members/friends present included the organizer Evans Craig, Dennis/Jennifer/Alexis/London Zotigh and Karen/Manuel Rodriguez. Interested in helping/participating in future events? Just sign up at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dcnatives/> *Submitted by Karen Mallicoat-Rodriguez*

AIS Princess Haley Dawson & Junior Princess Alexis Hill at Nanticoke Powwow / Photo by Manuel Rodriguez



Sep 12-13 – The Nanticoke Indian Association hosted its 32nd annual powwow on the grounds of Bill/Joan Norwood and Dr. and Mrs. Cyril Price’s properties in Millsboro, Delaware. The weather for the event was overcast on Saturday and bright and sunny on Sunday. Head staff consisted of Mel Whitebird (emcee), Keith Anderson/Adrienne Harmon (head man/lady dancers) and Nanticoke Singers/Red Earth/Red Blanket (drums). AIS members who served as vendors included Ray/Angel Couch, Linda Steele, Chuck/Danita Tsinnie and Ellen Whitebird. The AIS taco booth, which has been present since the first Nanticoke powwow, was operated by volunteers Eve Hill, Tim Hill/Tammy Umbel, Phil/Cathi Hill, Steve/Nick/Ciera Hill, Tia Gibbs, Michael Nephew, Karen Collins, Karen/Manuel Rodriguez, Rick/Tahj Vaughan, Eloise Giordano and Mitchell Bush. Chuck Tsinnie helped out in the booth on Saturday and his daughter, Katrina, came by and volunteered her help also on

Saturday. Our AIS Princess Haley Dawson and Junior Princess Alexis Hill both took part in Saturday’s grand entry. On Saturday, after the powwow, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Karen Collins, Mel Whitebird, Tim Hill, Tammy Umbel, Paul/Joyce Browne, Eve Hill and Mitchell Bush met for dinner at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant adjacent to the Econo Lodge Rehoboth where the group stayed. Our volunteers worked their tails off and took in over \$9,000 before hotel/booth expenses were deducted. Among the AIS members/friends who attended for moral support were Mike White Eagle (son of Charles/Loretta), Fred/Elisha Killian, Nelson Sheppo, Pecita Lonewolf and Odette/Sharkey Wright. AIS members who danced included Marcos/Dorothy Almanza, Paul/Joyce Browne, Tim Moore, Tiombe/Cynthia Vaughan, Boe Harris, and of course Haley and Alexis. Our thanks to Karen Collins, Steve/Eve Hill and Mitchell Bush who handled the supplies. A big “Thank You” to Manuel/Karen who were about to cross the Bay Bridge on their way home when they spotted Karen Collins sitting under a light patiently waiting for someone to drive her/Eve over the bridge. Manuel/Karen saved the day.

Sep 12-13 – The Mohawk Nation at Akwesasne, NY, on the United States/Canadian border, hosted the Akwesasne International Powwow. In the dance competition, Jay Hill placed 3rd in the 50+ men’s competition, Josh Hill took 2nd in the Men’s Fancy and Katie Issenock took 2nd in Women’s Fancy. Along for moral support were Rob Brown, Erlette Lamont and Chaske Hill. The group camped at Akwesasne.

Sep 14 – Karen Collins, Chuck/Judy Gray and Mitchell Bush met at the Stafford Diner for breakfast. Herb Bush, Brandy Berger, Tom/Gina Vobornik and Trever Ottinger had breakfast/coffee earlier and had just left. After breakfast, Karen and Mitchell counted the monies from Nanticoke at Brandy’s home and prepared a report for the AIS Treasurer. Mitchell turned the money over to the Treasurer a few days later at the Executive Board Meeting.

Sep 15 - The Virginia Council on Indians (VCI) held a regular meeting in the General Assembly Building (GAB) at the State Capitol in Richmond. VCI members present included Earl Bass, Chief Kevin Brown, Frank Adams, Sherry Munford, Sharon Bryant, Chief Anne Richardson, Reggie Stewart, Joanne Howard and Mitchell Bush. Deanna Beacham (VCI staff) and Eric Gregory (AG’s staff) were also present. Guests included Allard/Lynette Allston, Archie Elliott, Beth Roach, Kenneth Munford, Loleta Bass and Sherri Rose... The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. and the invocation given by Jerry Stewart... Under Administrative Business, VCI members and guests introduced themselves. The minutes of the May 19, 2009 business meeting were approved. Deanna reported on the VCI budget. Elections of VCI President and Vice President were held. Earl Bass was elected President and Frank Adams was elected Vice President... Under Public Comment, Archie Elliott requested and received a copy of the budget report... Under New Business, Reggie proposed VCI become involved in the effort to protect culturally significant places in the Chesapeake Bay, Anne seconded and the motion passed with one abstention. DCR has asked VCI to be a partner for the 40th Anniversary of the State Scenic River program in 2010. Sharon made a motion, seconded by Anne, and

carried unanimously to send a letter of support. The annual VCI Conference was discussed. Decision to be made about the conference later... There was no Old Business... Under Announcements, next VCI meeting October 20 at GAB, the 58th Annual Chickahominy Powwow will be held September 16-17 at the Chickahominy tribal grounds. Monacan Homecoming/Bazaar on October 3. The 11th Annual Rappahannock Powwow October 10 in King and Queen County. Professor Bob Miller speaking at UVA on October 12. Gabrielle Tayac article on Walter Plecker in fall issue of NMAI publication. Frank discussed the Native American Indian Chamber of Commerce. Fundraisers are scheduled for September 19, September 18 and October 2. Kevin announced that Pamunkey Indian Joyce Krigsrote will receive an award at this year's Folklife Festival in Richmond.

Sep 17 – The AIS Executive Board held its annual meeting at the Harvest Moon Restaurant in Falls Church. The main purpose of the meeting is to select new chairpersons for our various committees. Executive Board members present were Michael Nephew (President), Riccaree Vaughan (First Vice President), Pete Neconie (Second Vice President), Mary Sunbeam (Treasurer) and Cathi Hill (Secretary). Guests present were Eve Hill, Jay Hill, Tom/Phyllis David, Sam Wakefield, Joyce Wakefield, Phil/Alexis Hill, Vanessa/Calvin VanPelt, Paul/Maya/Brooklyn/Jr. Winfield, Karen Collins and Mitchell Bush... After dinner and discussion the following selections were made. **Under First Vice President Riccaree Vaughan - Finance:** Jay Hill; **Scholarship:** Marietta Van Pelt; **Reception/Foods:** Karen Collins; **Awards:** Tom/Phyllis David; **Constitution/Bylaws:** keep vacant until needed. **Under Second Vice President – Performing Arts:** Theresa Hill; **Publicity:** Nedra Darling (check acceptance); **Arts & Crafts:** (vacant for now); **Sports/Recreation:** Steve/Phil Hill; **Newsletter:** Mitchell Bush, Karen Rodriguez, Cathi Hill, Michael Nephew. Under Executive Board – **Vendor Chair:** Pete Yazzie; **Powwow:** Pete Neconie with **Princess Subcommittee:** Vanessa VanPelt/Cathi Hill/Michael Nephew, **Property:** Jay Hill. We also need a **Webmaster.** Mary Sunbeam brought up several issues of concern to her. Decision made for AIS to pay for all dinners.



Sep 18-29 – Manuel and Karen Rodriguez traveled to the beautiful Smoky Mountains in Tennessee to attend the 11th Annual Holston Conference Gathering at Coker Creek Village in Tellico Plains (www.thegathering.us) and to visit family in Chattanooga. The Gathering is hosted by the Holston Conference, Native American Ministries Team and features workshops, devotions, storytelling, a mini powwow, and a concert featuring Bill Miller (Mohican/German) (Mr. Miller is also a featured speaker/spiritual leader). Charles Robinson (Choctaw) of Red Road Ministries (theredroad.org) was another featured speaker. Lowery Begay (Navajo) taught a workshop on hand drum making and served as Arena Director for the powwow and

Emerson Begay (Navajo) led a workshop on the spirit of the drum, served as a vendor, danced at the powwow and designed the Gathering t-shirt artwork. The powwow host drum was deerclan.com (Cherokee, NC), emcee Scott Crisp (Cherokee descent), and head man/lady Charles (Choctaw) and Siouxsan (Lakota/Blackfoot) Robinson. Manuel's father and stepmother, Manuel Rodriguez and Rosa Martinez Rodriguez, joined Manuel/Karen for the powwow, dinner and Bill Miller concert, and upon conclusion of the Gathering, Manuel/Karen traveled to Chattanooga, Tennessee to spend a little over a week with family there. They traveled through the Cherokee National Forest, past breathtaking vistas along the Ocoee River, and stopped at the Ocoee Whitewater Center, the home of the 1996 Olympic canoe and kayak slalom events. *Submitted by Karen Mallicoat-Rodriguez*

Sep 19-20 – The Nause Waiwash Band of Indians hosted its 17th annual Native American Festival at the ball field in Vienna, MD. Head staff included Sewell Fitzhugh (emcee), Steve/Rie Miller (head man/lady dancers), Ed Lozier (arena director), Sweetwater/Red Fire/Turtle Creek (drums), and Indian Nations Warriors and Veterans Color Guard (Jim Armagost/Bill Bevins/Guy Wells/Hugh Brohawn). AIS members who served as vendors included Don/Margaret Harris, Jim Armagost, Gary/Sharon Schoch, Rudy/Mary Hall, Beverly Little Hawk, Ron Warren/Janice Torres and the AIS booth manned by Mitchell Bush. Thanks to

Don/Margaret who helped Mitchell set up and Joe Whatmough who helped take down and pack up the booth. AIS members/friends who danced included Marcos/Dorothy Almanza, Joe Whatmough, Ray Brock and Audie Hardy. AIS members who turned out for moral support included John Moore and Chuck Tsinnie. The Executive Director of the Baltimore Indian Center, John Simmermeyer, and the Executive Director of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, Keith Colston were also present. AIITCO provided the food booth. Ray/Angel Couch arrived late on Sunday and distributed flyers for the upcoming Appalachian Cherokee Nation Powwow.

Sep 19-20 – The Nottoway Tribe of Virginia hosted its 4th annual powwow at the Surry Parks and Recreation Center in Surry, VA. Karen Collins took the AIS Crafts Booth II to the powwow. She thanks the Nottoway folks who helped set up her tent. She also thanks Glen/Myra Dunwoody who helped her man the booth on Sunday. On Saturday, Larry Tait/Ri Holland underwent a traditional bonding ceremony. The Vaughan family (Elkhorn/Cynthia/Tiombe/Arthur/Tahj) attended the powwow and danced. Other AIS members/friends present were Mildred Moore, Mary Lecias, Roger/Paige Archer, Tim Moore and Sharon Johnson. Drums present were Yough Ta Nund and Na-we-wo-chin. The emcee was John Blackfeather and Debora Moore was head lady dancer.

Sep 19-20 – The Red Hawk Arts Council hosted a powwow in Yorktown Heights, New York at the FDR State Park. The Blackbear Singers (Pete Neconie/Jay and Josh Hill/Page Burgess/Greg Sharp/Jimmy Big Mountain/Keith Sharphead) took part. Dancers, all of whom placed in their respective categories, were Pete Neconie (1st Southern Straight Special, 2nd Men's Traditional), Josh Hill (1st Men's Fancy), Jay Hill (2nd Men's Fancy), Katie Issenock (1st Fancy Shawl), Nita One Bear (1st Women's Traditional), Shawndae Sharp (2nd Women's Traditional), Donita Neconie (3rd Women's Traditional), Alexis Hill (2nd Teen Girl's Jingle), Haley Dawson (2nd Teen Girl's Traditional), Page Burgess (3rd Men's Traditional, 2nd Southern Straight Special), Jimmy Big Mountain (4th Southern Straight Special), and Keith Sharphead (1st Men's Grass). Along for moral support were Phil/Cathi Hill, Rob Brown, Vivian Dawson, Osa Kote Sharp, Chaske Hill and Earlette Lamont. Some of the travelers camped out in local motels.

Sep 23 – Karen Collins and Mitchell Bush traveled to the home of Kathleen Dorn in West Springfield for a meeting with Kathleen and Mary Sunbeam, new AIS Treasurer. Kathleen served a light dinner to her guests. The purpose of the meeting was to review/prepare paperwork for the CPA hired to do our tax report to IRS. The group made progress on the project but needs more documentation from our bank.

Sep 26-27 – The Chickahominy Tribe hosted its 58th annual Fall Festival & Powwow at its Tribal Center in Charles City, VA. The head staff consisted of Keith Colston (emcee), Maurice Proctor (arena director), Robbi Blake (head man dancer), Lindsey Fortune (head lady dancer), Evan Rainwater Adams (junior head male dancer), Jessica Holmes (junior head female dancer), Red Earth (host drum), Falling Water/Southern Eagle/Yough Ta Nund (guest drums), and Indian Nations Warriors and Veterans Color Guard (Glen Canaday/Barry McClaskey/Elton Rainwater/Bob Milk/Jim Gray Hawk/Bill Gingras/Wayne Goettner/Bill Bevins/Tom Counts/Ray Brock). AIS members who participated as vendors included Jim Armagost, Don/Margaret Harris, Michael/Debbie Spirithawk, Dale McClaskey (color guard booth), and Chuck/Danita Tsinnie. Other vendors included George Whitewolf, National Institute of Health and Native American Indian Chamber of Commerce. Jay Hill and Michael Nephew were the only AIS members who danced. AIS members who turned out for moral support included Steve/Rie Miller, Janice Bevins, Wallace/Nokie Lemons, Rob Brown, Erlette Lamont, Verde Halley, Joe Whatmough, and Mitchell Bush. The weather Saturday was overcast and it poured Saturday night. The sun came out on Sunday and drove the clouds away.

Sep 30 – Mitchell Bush and Verde Halley, on their way to Gloria's Café in nearby Frog Level, stopped at Indian Pines. Jay Hill and Rob Brown were busy working on the retaining wall and are nearly finished. Erlette Lamont was supervising their work. When Mitchell got out of his vehicle, he almost stepped on a small dead copperhead snake. Jay/Erlette/Rob/Mitchell plan to travel to Ray Couch's powwow in Sterling the coming weekend (October 3-4).

WHAT'S NEW

It is with sadness that we report that Don Hockenberry passed away on October 26. Our deepest sympathies go out to his loved ones. He is survived by his wife, LeAnn, and their children. The funeral service will be held at the Memorial Baptist Church, 1096 Biglerville Road (Rt. 34), Gettysburg, PA 17325, at 11:00 a.m. Friday, Oct. 30th. Cards of sympathy may be sent to the family at 1286 Center Mill, Aspers, PA 17304.

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Congratulations to Dora Old Elk, daughter of Clayton and Georgianna, who was married August 15, 2009 in a Traditional Crow Wedding Ceremony during Crow Fair. Nicholas Birdshead, is the son of LaVera and Saul Birdshead, Jr. of Apache, Ok. Nicholas is Arapaho, Comanche, and Apache.

Other local folks who attended the Crow Fair included Don/Juanita/Pete/Donita Neconie, Jay/Josh/Chaske Hill, Katie Issenock and Erlette Lamont.

*Mr. and Mrs. Birdshead
Photo provided by Georgianna Old Elk*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AIS Meetings 1st Wed. of every month: (Nov 4/Dec 2/Jan 6)
The Church of St. Clement Episcopal, 1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA
Baltimore American Indian Center Cultural Classes – Tuesdays from 6:00-9:00 pm
Baltimore American Indian Center, 113 South Broadway, Baltimore, MD
Nov 9 (Monday) – 7 th Annual George Mason University Veteran’s Powwow, 1 pm–10 pm., Dewberry Hall, Johnson Center, 4400 University Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030. GMU will be collecting items throughout November to benefit the Cheyenne River Reservation in S. Dakota. There will be a box for donations at the pow wow if you’d like to contribute a new toy or school supply. Contact: Donna Brimmer, President at dbrimmer@gmu.edu or Dr. Yu at 703-993-2700.
Nov 13-15 – Great American Indian Exposition and Powwow, Richmond, VA. Contact: Barry Richardson 252-257-5383 or 252-532-0821, email: powwow@vance.net , website: http://www.myspace.com/powwow4life .
Nov 14 (noon-5 pm) - Native American Heritage Festival, Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park, Chincoteague Island, VA 23336. Info: www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org or contact (757) 336-5636.
Nov 21 (10 am-7 pm) – University of Maryland Office of Multi-Ethic Student Education 5th Annual Powwow, Nyumburu Cultural Center, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742. Contact BassDr@umd.edu or 301-405-5610.
Nov 26 – (4-8 pm/setup at 3 pm) - AIS Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner , Burgundy Community Center, 5516 Norton Road, Alexandria, VA. Turkey/Ham provided by AIS Officers. Please bring a dish.
Dec 5-6 (10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.) NMAI Potomac Atrium - The NMAI Art Market—held in both Washington, DC and New York City—offers one-of-a-kind, handmade, traditional and contemporary items directly from the artisans.
Dec 6 (11 am-4 pm/setup 10 am) - AIS Christmas Party , Burgundy Community Center, 5516 Norton Rd, Alexandria, VA. Potluck, please bring a dish. To be in gift exchange bring unisex gifts: adults \$10 gift/children \$5 gift.
Dec 12 (Saturday) – AIS Christmas Crafts Bazaar, 10 am-5 pm, The Church of St. Clement Episcopal, 1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA. Vendors contact Mitchell Bush at 804-241-5462
Jan 9, 2010 – 10 th Annual Morning Star Celebration (Benefit Powwow for St. Labré Indian School, Ashland, Montana), John Carroll School, 703 E. Churchville Road, Bel Air, MD 21014. Doors open at 10 am/Grand Entry 1 pm. Suggested donation: \$4 per adult/\$2 per child. Info: Gary Scholl 410-838-8333 ext. 2002 or gljsics@yahoo.com .
May 15-16 – 3 rd Annual Healing Horse Spirit Powwow, Mount Airy Carnival Grounds, 1003 Twin Arch Road, Mount Airy, MD 21771. Special Guest Performance by Ron Warren. All proceeds benefit HorseNet Rescue www.hnhr.org
Jan 1, 2009 – AIS MEMBERSHIP DUES/SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS ARE DUE (Membership form on pg 7) \$20 Family Membership/\$15 Individual Membership/\$17 newsletter subscription only. Memberships include 1 newsletter subscription. Send to: American Indian Society of Washington DC, PO Box 6431, Falls Church, VA 22040-6431

American Indian Society of Washington, DC
Minutes – October 7, 2009
The Church of St. Clement - Episcopal, Alexandria, Virginia

President Michael Nephew called the meeting to order at 8:13 p.m. The following members were present: Mitchell Bush, Karen Collins, Phyllis/Tom David, Eve Hill, Jay Hill, Cathi Hill, Pete Homer, Manuel Rodriguez/ Karen Mallicoat-Rodriguez, Mary Sunbeam, Riccaree/Cynthia/Arthur Vaughan, Joyce Wakefield, Mary Mallett, Glen Dunwoody, Christine Poafpybitty, Marietta VanPelt/Dakotah Adams, Vanessa/Calvin/Amaya/Brooklyn VanPelt, John Moore, Myra Dunwoody and Pauline Prater. Apesanahkwat was presented as a guest. Michael Nephew offered the opening prayer.

The minutes of the September 2, 2009, meeting were read by Cathi Hill and approved as read. Mary Sunbeam presented a pumpkin to the youngest person present, Dakotah Adams. Mary gave the treasurer's report of our accounts. \$7300.00 was made at the Nanticoke Powwow. Mary reported that the CD is in unredeemed status and not earning any interest. The Executive Board will make a decision on the CD, to have it rolled over for another 9 month or year. Marietta VanPelt submitted a proposal to have a separate scholarship fund. We need to find out what is in original scholarship fund to make a decision on how to proceed. We are working towards a separate scholarship foundation. A decision will be made on a scholarship process and consideration on a separate fund will be made before the next check distribution. Mary met with Faye Lone and received the printer and documentation for the printer. Mary also reported that there is no charge for an extension on the taxes by the IRS but that the CPA does charge a fee. Taxes are due by October 15, 2009. The membership decided on what to do with two paintings left over from the silent auction at the Inaugural Ball. It was decided to send the artist a receipt for the painting and AIS will decide how to use them at a later date. The insurance policy for the Pines has been put on an automatic debit plan. The next payment will be November 1, 2009. Mary stated that her goal is to have a process in place so that the organization will run no matter who is treasurer.

Michael Nephew announced that Pete Neconie had resigned his position as 2nd Vice President. Elections will be held at the next meeting.

The list of committee chairs was read Finance Committee – Jay Hill, Property Committee – Jay Hill, Scholarship Committee – Marietta VanPelt, Reception and Food Committee – Karen Collins, Awards Committee – Phyllis/Tom David, Performing Arts Committee – Theresa Hill, Sports and Recreation Committee – Steve and Phil Hill, Newsletter/Press Release Committee – Mitchell Bush and Webmaster – Myra Dunwoody. A motion was made to accept the committee chairs that had been contacted and confirmed by Mitchell Bush and seconded by Jay Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: The Halloween Party will be held on October 30 at Burgundy Center from 6-9. Marietta VanPelt volunteered to get prizes and set up for the party. Other volunteers are needed for set up and clean up. Karen Collins will get the table cloths, paper goods and plastic ware. The Thanksgiving dinner will be held at the Burgundy Center from 4-8 pm. Karen Collins asked about having a drum come in. The Christmas Party will be held on December 6 at the Burgundy Center. The Christmas Bazaar will be held on December 12 at The Church of St. Clements.

New Business: Jay Hill stated that the Arena is done the grass is growing. He would like to put more seed and turf builder down. The retaining wall is done. Jay is working on the mole problem. New plastic barrels have been put out and the pavilion has been cleaned out. A well house needs to be built. Jay also suggested staining and closing off the pavilion to the animals. Jay submitted proposals to put down more seed and turf builder, build the well house and stain the pavilion. A motion was made by Mitchell Bush to have to the work at the Pines, seconded by Manuel Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously. A quick vote was done to pick the color of the stain. The winner is Redwood. A list of Veterans is being compiled for the Veterans wall. It was suggested that AIS purchase a pop up tent for use by head staff.

Jay Hill read a letter on behalf of Philip/Catherine/Alexis Hill requesting a \$500 sponsorship for Alexis' gymnastics. Motion was made by Mary Sunbeam to give Alexis the \$500, seconded by Mitchell Bush. Motion was carried unanimously.

Jay Hill extended congratulation to Mary Sunbeam for her hard work and dedication to making sure the finances of the organization are in order and visible to all.

Pauline Prater reminded members about donations needed for the Warriors Veterans Walk.

Riccaree Vaughan asked about creating a Council of Elders for AIS. More discussion at the next meeting.

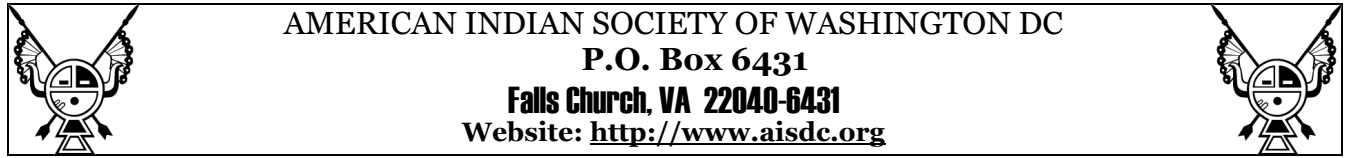
The Awards Committee needs some ideas on what type of awards should be distributed.

Announcements – October 17-18 - 16th Annual Accohannock Fall Festival & Powwow. Oct 17-18 – Manassas American Indian Powwow. Oct 24-25 - "HAWK of WINTER" Inter-Tribal Powwow, Mt. Airy Volunteer Firemen's Grounds. Suggested that the left over school supplies be donated to the Hawk of Winter Powwow. There will be a prayer vigil for all people at the Washington Monument. Burke Nursery's Pumpkin Playground 9am – 9 pm thru October 31.

Having no further business, Pete Homer made a motion, seconded by Joyce Wakefield, and carried unanimously to adjourn at 10:03 pm. The next meeting will be November 4, 2009 at the Church of St. Clement, 1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathi Hill – Secretary



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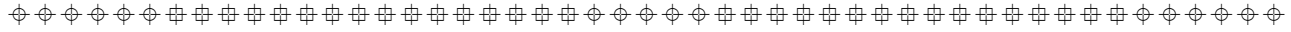
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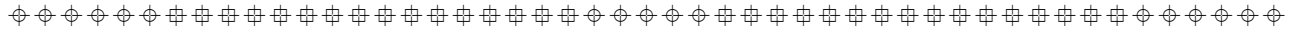
10 AM – 5 PM

The Church of St. Clement Episcopal

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