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*Photo by Manuel Rodriguez*

Rodriguez. Singing with Blackbear were Pete Neconie/Greg Sharp/Jay Hill/Josh Hill. The Ironfeather drum is from the New York City area. The weather was beautiful for the full weekend except for some wind on Sunday. Participants were provided lunch by the host group on Saturday. AIS members not named above who turned out for moral support included \*Mary Sunbeam, Georgianna Old Elk, Erlette Lamont, \*Nita One Bear, Katie Issenock/Chaske Hill, \*Karen Rodriguez, Fred/Brenda Miller, \*Riccaree/\*Cynthia/\*Tiombe/Tahj Vaughan, \*Marcos/\*Dorothy Almanza, \*Mary Lecias, Gene Barnes, Dot Leighan, Kristine Poafpybitty/Go Go/Apesanahkwat, Shawndae Sharp, Nicole PastorKovich, Kayla Neconie, Tia Gibbs, Steve/Nick Hill, \*Michael Grayhawk, and \*John Rocco. Those who danced are shown with an asterisk by their name.

Oct 3 – The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Native American Music Awards (NAMMYS) were held at the Seneca Niagara Hotel & Casino near Niagara Falls, NY. Our own Joanne Shenandoah who teamed up with Michael Bucher won the Best Compilation Recording for Bitter Tears Sacred Ground. Both Joanne and Michael performed at the 2009 American Indian Inaugural Ball and released the CD there. Best Female Artist was Joy Harjo for “Winding Through the Milky Way.” Best Male Artist was Bryan Akipa for “Songs From the Black Hills. Record of the Year went to Kevin Locke for Earth Gift. Best Traditional Recording went to Oshkii Giizhik Singers for “Itssa New Day.” A Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Stevie Salas. Living Legend went to Tommy Allsop and Hall of Fame went to Ritchie Valens. New artist, Jake Martin, sang the Ritchie Valens tribute song “We Belong Together.” There were several other awards presented in addition to those mentioned above. Many of the nominees/awardees performed at the NAMMYS.

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Oct 7 – Karen Collins, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Verde Halley and Mitchell Bush met for dinner at the Atlantis Restaurant in the Bradlee Shopping Center in Alexandria, VA before the monthly AIS meeting at the Church of St. Clement.

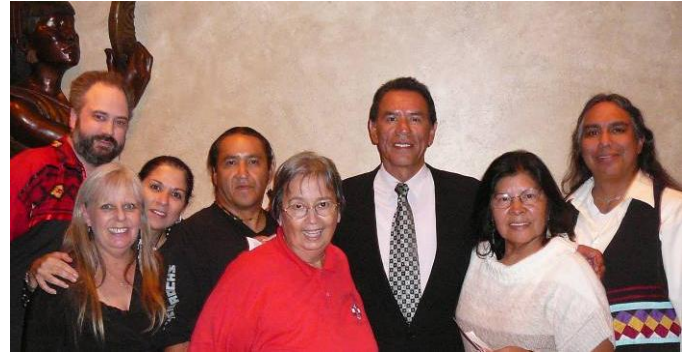
Oct 2-4 – Ray/Angel Couch of the Appalachian Cherokees hosted their 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Pow Wow at the Claude Moore Park in Sterling, VA. Friday was considered “School Day.” The head staff consisted of Clayton Old Elk (emcee), Ed Lozier (arena director), Steve/ Rie Miller (head man/woman dancers), Blackbear Singers (host drum), Ironfeather (guest drum), VEVITA Color Guard/VEVITA Gourd Society, and Dave Henderson (soundman). The VEVITA Color Guard was represented by Richard Begay, Kim Sowinski, Ray Brock and Jenel Turner, while the VEVITA Gourd Society included the members named and Steve/Rie Miller and Ed Lozier. Donita Neconie joined the gourd dancing. The AIS information booth was manned by Mitchell Bush/Rob Brown/Joe Whatmough/Manuel



Oct 8 – The National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) Native Achievers Series recognizes outstanding achievement by Native men and women who have demonstrated leadership, empowerment, and excellence in their respective field(s). The series opened

*Photos by Kishick Lone (top) and Manuel Rodriguez (right)*

with acclaimed actor, Wes Studi (Cherokee), who has appeared in more than sixty film and television productions, is a Vietnam veteran, sculptor, musician, author, and activist. He is also a Chilocco Indian School graduate, Class of '64. Karen Collins, also a Chilocco graduate, was recognized as such during the program. The program took place in the NMAI's Rasmuson Theater and was moderated by Bird Runningwater (Cheyenne/Mescalero Apache), Associate Director of the Sundance Institute's Native American and Indigenous Program. After the program, there was a reception in the museum and Wes Studi



was very gracious, talking with the many people who came out for the event. AIS members/friends present included: Chris Davidson, Michael Nephew, Karen Collins, Karen/Manuel Rodriguez, Barbara Drifmeyer, Pete Neconie, Nita One Bear, Mary Milam, Tim Moore, Faye/Kishick Lone, Phoebe Farris, Debbie Brokenrope, Wanda Lee, John Danner, Joanna Stancil, Pete Neconie, Naomi Little, Maxine Hillary, Hankie Ortiz, Keith Hunsucker and Keith Secola. *Submitted by Karen Rodriguez*

Oct 10-11 The 22nd Annual American Indian Gathering was held at the Community College of Beaver County. Headman - Michael Nephew, Headlady - Carolyn Bartlett, Whipman - Bobby Wahl, MC - Hank Houghtailing, Host drum - Muddy Creek. Seneca Corn Husk doll maker Marcie Kane was one of the demonstrators. Irene Bedard was their special guest. Frank/Deborah Mayo and their family were dancing. *Submitted by Michael Nephew*

Oct 10-11 – Verde Halley and Mitchell Bush hosted a cookout at their home in Ruther Glen on Saturday afternoon. Guests included Alfred Casanova (visiting from San Antonio), Steve Miller, Ray Brock, Karen Collins, Manny Martinez, Judy/Billy Gray, Kathleen Dorn, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez and Glen/Myra Dunwoody. Steve cooked Angus burgers on the barbeque grill, Mitchell brought chicken from the Ashland KFC, and hot dogs, potato salad, macaroni salad, coleslaw, pies and soft drinks from the Ladysmith Food Lion. The group gathered around a bonfire in the darkening hours and some roasted marshmallows... On Sunday, Melvin Jones/Nina McFadden and Diane Clements came to Ruther Glen for a visit. Mitchell gave them a tour of his extensive Indian art collection at his home and the Buffalo Pines Art Center nearby. Then, Mitchell, Verde and Alfred took the visitors to Indian Pines where they were greeted by Jay Hill/Erlette Lamont and Rob Brown. Jay showed the visitors the turtle arena and the work being done on the pavilion. The redwood paint really changes the appearance of the once-dowdy pavilion. Mitchell took the visitors to the Memorial Garden and spoke about the folks who sleep there (and Quackenbush of course). From there, the group headed out to Powhatan, VA, to attend the powwow there. After driving for around 60 minutes to Powhatan, they learned the powwow was held on Friday and Saturday. So, they drove on home to their respective destinations. Jay, Erlette and Rob also made the trip to Powhatan for naught.

Oct 13 – Mitchell Bush, accompanied by Verde Halley and Alfred Casanova, traveled to the Interior Department to deliver the August/September issues of the AIS Newsletter to AIS members/friends/subscribers in the Interior building. On his way in, Mitchell ran into Shawna Robbins/Angel Washington who were making deliveries of burritos to their clientele. Mitchell had short visits with Barbara Davis, Marge Wilkins, Nancy Pierskalla, Jonathan Begay and Pat Ragsdale while in the building. Mitchell/Verde gave Alfred a quick drive by tour of Washington's notable monuments before heading to Manuel/Karen

Rodriguez's apartment in Alexandria for lunch. Karen Collins joined the group there. After lunch, Manuel showed videos by Frank Crosby and Leon Leuppe of powwows and the Longest Walk 2. Then, it was time to go home.

Oct 15 – The National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) hosted an opening of the Brian Jungen Strange Comfort exhibit. The exhibit runs through August 8, 2010. Mr. Jungen is a Dunne-za First Nations member from Fort St. John, British Columbia. His work is unique, an example of recycling existing items into recognizable Native art forms such as totem poles and masks. There were complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a variety of beverages. Local folks among the few Native guests included Michael Nephew, Keevin Lewis, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Terry Snowball/Machel Monenerkit, Dora Old Elk Birdhead, Anna Old Elk, Truman Lowe (Ho Chunk visitor who used to work at the NMAI) and Mitchell Bush. The WASHINGTON POST carried an article on the exhibit in its 10/20/2009 edition.

Oct 16 – Annabelle Toledo, Noemi Perez, and Karen/Manuel Rodriguez joined Faye Lone at Guapos Restaurant in Shirlington to celebrate Faye's birthday. They enjoyed a feast of Mexican food after which the restaurant's staff serenaded Faye with a birthday song sung in Spanish. Then all but Annabelle headed to a restaurant across the street for karaoke. For those who don't know, Faye is a very good singer and those present were delighted to hear her sing. Faye was also wished a "Happy Birthday" by friends there.  
*Submitted by Karen Mallicoat-Rodriguez*

Oct 17 – The PRIDE dancers performed for a girl scouts encampment at the Prince Williams Forest Park near Triangle, VA. Dancers were Raven Snay Hill, Cody Adams, Junior/Cheyenne Van Pelt, Amaya/Brooklyn Winfield, Petey Montalvo Jr, Vanessa Van Pelt and Theresa Hill. Along for moral support were Eve Hill, Marietta Van Pelt and Mike Beatty.

Oct 17-18 – Mitchell Bush traveled to the Maryland Eastern Shore to attend the Accohannock Tribe's 16<sup>th</sup> annual Healing of All Nations Fall Pau Wau. Unfortunately, even though the grounds at the Bending Water Park were all set up, including the vendors (except Mitchell), the area was in the clutches of a Nor' eastern. On Sunday, the weather had not improved, so the powwow was cancelled. With three days of rain, Chesapeake Bay high tide flowed into nearby Crisfield where the powwow participants stayed at the Captain Tyler Motel. The tide did go out a few hours later. AIS members/friends who spent a restful weekend in Crisfield or Marion Station included Rudy/Mary Hall, Beverly Little Hawk, Pinky/Nita/Keith Smith, Keith Colston, Fred/Elisha Killian, Dave Holland, Mary Hope Billings and Mitchell Bush.

Oct 19 – Karen and Manuel Rodriguez traveled to Stafford, Virginia, to visit with Retha Gambaro in Greenfields Assisted Living. They found Retha well and had a lovely visit. Others who were spotted in the guest registry who had been to visit Retha in the past couple of months included Mitchell Bush, Karen Collins, Judy Gray and Marie Taylor. Retha and Steve Gambaro are charter and honorary lifetime members of AIS and both are very accomplished artists, Retha a sculpter and Steve a photographer and historian.  
*Submitted by Karen Mallicoat-Rodriguez*



Oct 19 – Dennis Zotigh accepted the Fairfax County American Indian Month Proclamation on behalf of the American Indian community. Also in attendance were Michael Nephew and JoJo Shifflett. JoJo Shifflett is the author of one of the articles for the Museums publication. She also had many family members in attendance from Maryland, North Carolina and locally from Fairfax County.  
*Submitted by Michael Nephew.*

Oct 20 – The Virginia Council on Indians (VCI) held a monthly meeting at the General Assembly Building in Richmond, VA. VCI members present included Earl Bass (Chair), Frank Adams (Vice Chair), Chief Anne Richardson, Sherry Munford, Preston Bryant (Secretary of Natural Resources), Deanna Beacham (VCI staff)

and Mitchell Bush. Guests included Eric Gregory (AG staff), Loleta Bass, Helen Rountree, Allard/Lynette Allston, Archie Elliott, Sidney Turner, Bill Wright, Edwin Dukes, Beth Roach, Kenneth Munford, Verde Halley and Alfred Casanova. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. but due to the lack of a quorum, no action requiring a vote could be taken. Chief Richardson gave the invocation. Introduction of VCI members and guests were made. The September 15, 2009 minutes will be submitted for approval at the next meeting. Deanna reviewed the VCI budget... There was no public comment... Under New Business, there was discussion about doing something for the past president, Bill Miles, perhaps at our conference... Under Old Business, Sid Turner will again head the VCI Advisory Committee in planning our annual conference... Karenne Wood, Executive Director of the Virginia Indian Heritage Program, announced the availability of the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Virginia Indian Heritage Trail... A letter from Walt Brown of the Cheroenhaka Nottoways was read and VCI is still working on a response... Under announcements, the next VCI meeting will be held November 18, 6:30 p.m. in the General Assembly Building... Karenne Wood will speak on October 21 at Virginia Tech, 7 p.m. ... The George Mason University Veterans Powwow will be held November 9, 1-10 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Oct 21 – Mitchell Bush/Verde Halley took their guest, Alfred Casanova, for a tour of Indian Pines. Jay/Justine Hill, Erlette Lamont and Rob Brown had just returned from the Tonawanda Seneca community where they picked Justine up and brought her home. The property development is really noticeable. The pavilion has been painted a red wood color, windows closed in with vinyl sheeting, place cleaned up, the pump house has been completed and painted a red wood color (to match the pavilion). Of course the siding along the roadway is done and even sports reflectors. The arena is thriving and got its first haircut, but we are saddened to report that one of the two young deer who visited the arena regularly was hit and killed by a vehicle. The other deer was obviously traumatized and has not visited lately.

Oct 23-25 – On Friday, Mitchell Bush picked Rob Brown up at Indian Pines and headed out to Mt. Airy for the benefit powwow/concert organized by Rebecca Tudisco, with the involvement of Jay Winter Nightwolf. Jay/Justine Hill, Erlette Lamont, Jess Eagleman and Katie Issenock/Josh/Chaske Hill headed out to the Meherrin Powwow in Ahoskie, NC. The weather was drizzly but a few vendors set their tents up. On Saturday, the rain forced the singing/dancing into a pavilion. Blackbear II (Page Burgess/Greg Sharpe/Dan Addi/Jim Big Mountain) sang, as did the Red Earth drum from Hollister, NC. Clayton Old Elk was the emcee and Artie Crippen (Shinnecock) was the arena director. Head man/lady dancers were Keith Anderson/Phyllis Campbell. The VEVITA Color Guard (Steve Miller/Ray Brock/Kim Sowinski/Robert Narcomy/Frederick Nordhorn) did the honors. Vendors included JR Davis, Pete Yazzie, Chuck/Danita Tsinnie, the AIS booth manned by Mitchell Bush/Rob Brown, and the Eve Hill taco booth manned by Eve, Karen Collins, Tim Hill/Tammy Umbel, Marietta/Vanessa Van Pelt and Manny Martinez. On Sunday, the powwow returned to the outside arena. Gourd dancing was held. Dancing were Steve/Rie Miller, Ray Brock, Kim Sowinski and Michael Nephew. There were quite a few dancers. Among the dancers were Haley Dawson (AIS Princess), Apesanahkwat, Kristine/Okemah/Go Go Poafpybitty, Doug Hall, Kayla Neconie, Keith Hunsucker, Marcos/Dorothy Almanza, Vanessa Van Pelt, Amaya/Calvin Winfield, Cody Adams, Theresa Hill, Shawndae Sharp (in shawl), and Becky Tudisco. Among those who turned out for moral support not named above were Mike Beatty, Raven/Ciera/Petey Hill, Vivian Dawson, Paul/Joyce Browne, Donita Neconie, Manny/Romie Encinas, Wayne Howard, Ray/Angel Couch, Riccaree/Cynthia/ Tiombe/Tahj Vaughan, Phoebe Farris, Sharon Jackson, Edna Brown and Georgianna Old Elk. On Sunday evening, a concert featuring Michael Bucher, Shelly Morningstar, Joseph Firecrow, Larry Mitchell and Jeff Ball was held.

Oct 23-25 – The Meherrin Powwow was held in Ahoskie, NC. Those who traveled to the powwow not mentioned in the article above were Phil/Cathi/Alexis Hill. Joining them were Pete Neconie and Nita One Bear who were the Head Man/Lady Dancers. Jay and Josh Hill were invited to sit in with Southern Sun (from Lumberton, NC), the host drum. Josh took 1<sup>st</sup> and Jay 2<sup>nd</sup> in Men's Fancy, Katie took 1<sup>st</sup> in Women's Fancy and Alexis took 2<sup>nd</sup> in Teen Women's Fancy. Keith Colston was the emcee.

Oct 28 – The PRIDE dancers took part in the Transportation Security Administration's Diversity Day held at their offices in Pentagon City, VA. Dancing were Ciera/Raven/Leah Snay Hill, Alexis Hill, Cody Adams and Junior/Cheyenne Van Pelt. Theresa Hill served as emcee and Phil Hill handled the music. Along for moral support were Mitchell Bush, Nick King, Deysi Lopez and Marietta Van Pelt.



Charity/Tristin Umbel and Josh/Chaske Hill - Photo by Manuel Rodriguez

Oct 30 – The AIS hosted a Halloween Party at the Burgundy Community Center in Alexandria, VA. Our thanks to Karen Collins, Sunny Drew, Marietta Van Pelt, Cody Adams, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez and Mitchell Bush who set up and decorated the hall. Also thanks to those of you who brought snack food and other dishes. The costume contest was judged by Sunny Drew/Karen Collins/Don Mallicoat. Tiny Tot Winners were Okemah Poafpybitty/Chaske Hill/Tristin Umbel/Go Go Poafpybitty. Children 5-15 winners were Tahj Vaughan/Leo Meyers/Cody Adams/Alexis Hill. Adult (16+) winners were Verde Halley/Phil Hill/Apesanahkwat/Karen Mallicoat-Rodriguez.

Judging for the jack-o-lantern contest run by Elkhorn resulted in Calvin Van Pelt (best) and Cody Adams (worst). This was followed by an energetic round of musical chairs won eventually by Phil Hill. Our thanks to our First Vice President Riccaree (Elkhorn) Vaughan who ran the games. Just before closing, a birthday cake for Keni Poafpybitty was served and the group sang “Happy Birthday” to her. Then it was cleanup time. Thanks to everyone who helped clean the place up and store the tables and chairs we used. A special thanks to Sunny Drew who served as hostess for the community center. AIS members/friends not mentioned above who attended included Eve Hill, Nettie Mallicoat, Cathi Hill, Cynthia/Tiombe Vaughan, Clara/Jonathan Begay, Audrey Hayden/Jaelen Sessions, Josh Hill/Katie Issenock, Kristine/Sasha Poafpybitty, Liz Stone, Jessica Mann, Tahnee Poafpybitty/Romeo/Bapa, Jeff/Samuel Meyers, Vanessa Van Pelt, Amaya/Brooklyn/Michael Winfield Jr & Sr, Tim Hill/Tammy Umbel, GW/Charity Umbel, Nataliya Palma, Jay Hill/Erlette Lamont, Rob Brown, Justine Hill, Jess Eagleman, Pete Neconie and Nita One Bear.

**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 was held on October 30 at the Memorial Baptist Church, Gettysburg, PA. Cards of sympathy may be sent to the family at 1286 Center Mill, Aspers, PA 17304.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>AIS Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of every month: (Nov 4/Dec 2/Jan 6)</b>
The Church of St. Clement Episcopal, 1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA
<b>Baltimore American Indian Center Cultural Classes – Tuesdays from 6:00-9:00 pm</b>
Baltimore American Indian Center, 113 South Broadway, Baltimore, MD
Dec 5-6 (10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.) NMAI <b>Potomac Atrium</b> – 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) - <b>AIS Christmas Party</b> , 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 10 am/Grand Entry 1 pm. Info: Gary Scholl 410-838-8333 ext 2002 or <a href="mailto:gljsics@yahoo.com">gljsics@yahoo.com</a> . <a href="http://www.morningstarpowwow.com">www.morningstarpowwow.com</a>
Mar 13, 2010 (10 am-8 pm) - <b>Lawilowan American Indian Festival</b> , (new location) Shippensburg University, Student Recreation Center, 1871 Old Main Drive, Shippensburg, PA 17257. Indoor, traditional powwow. Admission \$5 per person (under 10 and elders 65 and older free admission). All proceeds donated to American Diabetes Assoc. All vendors & drummers by invitation only. Free parking. Noni Many Hawks Nickerson, 82 Clugston Rd, Newville, PA 17241. 717-776-1075, <a href="mailto:ManyHawks@Comcast.net">ManyHawks@Comcast.net</a> , <a href="http://www.lawilowan.com">www.lawilowan.com</a>
May 15-16 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <a href="http://www.hnhr.org">www.hnhr.org</a>

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American Indian Society of Washington, DC  
Minutes – November 4, 2009  
The Church of St. Clement - Episcopal, Alexandria, Virginia

President Michael Nephew called the meeting to order at 8:09 pm with the following members present: Mitchell Bush, Karen Collins, Myra Dunwoody, Tia Gibbs/Steve/Nick Hill, Eloise Giordano, Verde Halley, Eve Hill, Jay Hill, Cathi Hill, Keith Hunsucker, Pete Neconie, Michael Nephew, Rose Powhatan/Michael Auld, Pauline Prater, Manuel Rodriguez/Karen Mallicoat-Rodriguez, Mary Sunbeam, Marietta Van Pelt/Dakotah Adams, Sam Wakefield, John Wigle, Joyce Wakefield, Mill Butler, Darlene Farmer and Tony Richardson. Steve Hill offered the opening prayer.

The minutes of the October 7, 2009 meeting were read by Cathi Hill and approved as read. The treasurer's report was given by Mary Sunbeam. Mary reported that she is now current from July to September 2009 on Quickbooks. Mary offered to teach anyone who want to learn how to use the Quickbooks accounting system. Mary also extended gratitude to all those that have helped her in getting the accounts up to date. A suggestion was made to make the AIS Savings account in to the Scholarship account. After some discussion about the amount of money in the account Mary Sunbeam made a motion to make the savings account into the scholarship account once a final monetary determination is made, seconded by Karen Collins and carried unanimously. Mary reported on the cost of insurance bonding for the 5 officers. The cost is \$125.00 per year for \$10,000 of coverage. Motion was made by Mitchell Bush to approve \$10,000 in coverage for the 5 officers, seconded by Steve Hill and carried unanimously. Mary is looking for storage for the items left over from the Silent Auction. Mary will continue to store. Keith Hunsucker will look in to what it would cost to post and sell items on the AIS website using the PayPal account. This would not only be AIS items but things members want to sell also. He will also look into paying memberships online. Mary reported that Bonnie Cote had agreed to do arts and crafts at the Thanksgiving dinner. It was reported that AIS is picking up the postage for the newsletter. There was discussion about creating an indicia account for postage. Postage would then cost us \$.28 per newsletter and there is a \$185 yearly fee. Michael Nephew requested \$500 to start to correct AIS's status with Dun & Bradstreet. Dun & Bradstreet had incorrect contact information for AIS and this has made it difficult for us to get credit. Motion made by Mitchell Bush to authorized \$500 to start to correct AIS's status with Dun & Bradstreet, seconded by Darlene Farmer, carried unanimously.

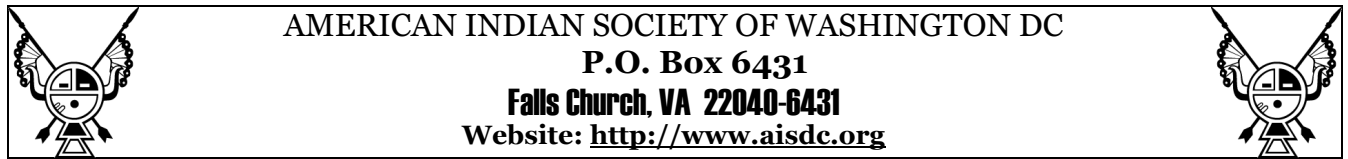
**Old Business:** Elections for the vacant 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President position were held. Nominations of John Wigle, by Mary Sunbeam and seconded by Manuel Rodriguez and of Steve Hill, by Sam Wakefield and seconded by Mary Sunbeam. After a vote Steve Hill was elected as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. The Halloween Party was a success and a fun time was had by all. There were quite a few members present. Judges for the costume contest were: Sonny Drew, Don Mallicoat and Karen Collins. Marietta Van Pelt did a wonderful job with the prizes. We made \$44 from the cake walk. Proposed changes were discussed to the Constitution and By-laws. The changes is to the By-laws Amendments to ensure notification to the members with enough time to allow for their participation. Steve Hill requested money to purchase a blanket or small gift for the webmaster that did the Inaugural Ball website. Michael Nephew said he would check to see what kinds of things were left over from the giveaways.

**New Business:** Darlene Farmer said she would ship the left over school supplies to the tribe directly. Mitchell offered to contact Jay Nightwolf for and address and contact information. Karen Collins has all the stuff for the tables for Thanksgiving dinner, just needs someone to take it to the Burgundy Center. Steve Hill said he would donate a turkey, Mary Sunbeam agreed to take the turkey and cook it for the Thanksgiving Dinner. It was decided that the rest of the meal would be potluck. Jay Hill reported that the property was coming along nicely. The well house is finished. Jay reported that the front entrance needs to be fixed, along with some of the electrical and the north side gable needs to be secured. These minor fixed would complete the pavilion. He requested \$1410 for supplies and labor. Motion made by Mitchell Bush to authorized \$1410 for Jay Hill to complete jobs, seconded by Mary Sunbeam, carried unanimously.

**Announcements:** Pete Yazzie has agreed to be in charge of the vendors for the Christmas Baazar. Pheobe Farris has a turkey to donate to the Warriors Walk, Pauline Prater will pick it up. Department of Homeland has a fellowship opportunity, please contact John Wigle at (703) 275-2701 for more information. Rockville Powwow – November 7, George Mason Powwow – November 9, NMAI opening exhibit on American Indian & African Americans – November 10, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual American Indian Festival – November 14, University of Maryland Powwow – November 21.

Having no further business Manuel Rodriguez made a motion, seconded by Verde Halley and carried unanimously to adjourn at 10:30 p.m. The next meeting will be December 2, 2009, at St. Clement's Church, 1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA, at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cathi Hill – Secretary



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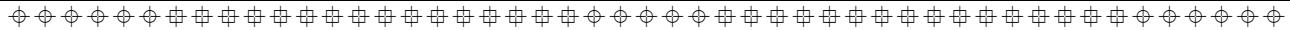
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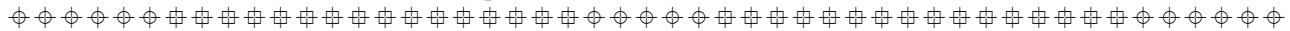


**AIS CHRISTMAS CRAFTS BAZAAR**

**DECEMBER 12, 2009, 10 AM – 5 PM**

**The Church of St. Clement Episcopal**

**1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA**



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