**AKWESASNE CULTURAL CENTER**
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**
**May 15, 2025**

**Board Members in Attendance:**
Phillip White Cree, President, Vice President; Michelle Cook, Secretary; Lora Lee LaFrance; Cayde David, Jessica Sargent, Cecelia King, and Kerry Mitchell

**Staff in Attendance:**
Justin Cree, Director

**Absent Board Members:**
Tiffany Cree

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM

**2. Approval of Agenda**
The agenda was presented and accepted without changes.

**2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Lora Lee to accept the minutes with corrections from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Kerry. All in favor, motion passed.

**3. Old Business**

No Old Business

**4.Center Updates**

Justin Presented the following:

* Free Comic Book Day was a great success, surpassing expectations. The event brought lots of smiles and excitement from attendees.
* "How to Draw a Superhero" Class with Honni had 10 participants. Honni generously stayed 45 minutes beyond the scheduled time as all the children were deeply engaged in completing their artwork.
* Square Foot Gardening and Companion Planting, presented by the Cornell Cooperative Extension, reached full capacity.
* Seed Starting Workshop, led by the SMRT Agriculture Department, was also fully attended. Participants found the session informative and practical, leaving with valuable knowledge.
* Beaded Bookmark Class, taught by Brad, was at full capacity. Due to strong participant engagement and enjoyment, the class ran longer than scheduled. Given its popularity, it will be offered again in the future.
* Unfortunately, the Composting Panel presented by John Bonaparte of Bare Bones Farm had no attendees. We appreciate John’s time and plan to offer this panel again.
* Mommy and Me Classes are facilitated by Noelle LaTrace, a dedicated community volunteer. These sessions are well attended and will continue for the foreseeable future
* Insurance Review was conducted by Tanya LaShombe from Northern Insuring. The current plan will remain unchanged, and staff have expressed satisfaction with their coverage.

**5. Upcoming Events – June**

Annual Book Sale:

* Dates: June 11–13 from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM
* Saturday, June 14 from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Quillwork Class with Kiera Pyke:

* Date: June 11 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
* Status: This class is already full.

**6. Gala Update**

Justin shared updates regarding the upcoming Gala.

* Stacey has secured additional auction donations.
* Ticket sales are currently slow, though Jessica noted they typically increase closer to the event date.

**7. Job Posting**

The position of Library Clerk/Cultural Educator position has been filled by Cannon “Honni” David.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.

The next meeting will be held on June 26, 2025, at 4:30 PM