Pawnee Nation Princess Committee Quarterly Report to the Pawnee Business Council Second Quarter - 2021

I. Program/Office/Project Name:

Pawnee Nation Princess Committee: The main goal of the Committee is to provide opportunity and development of our young Pawnee ladies who want to be a future Princess of the Pawnee Nation. Within our Committee, we have created a Princess Mentoring Program for future Princess' and the first Pawnee Nation Princess Sorority.

II. **Executive Summary:**

The Pawnee Nation Princess Committee consists of seven members. Cynthia Butler, Chair; Tiffany Frietze, Vice-Chair; Reva Howell, Secretary; Jamie Nelson, Treasurer; Vicky LeadingFox, member; Tonya Moore-Bravescout, member; and Beverly Harjo, member.

III. Meetings:

During the quarter, the Committee met on April 28 and June 18. Meeting minutes are on file in the Executive Office for PBC to review.

The PN Princess and Committee participated in the April 2nd Easter Egg Hunt & held a Concession Stand, and on May 8th had the Pawnee Nation Princess Coronation for the 2021-2022 Princess.

IV. **Committee Report:**

Fundraising – The Committee will continue with fundraising for the Scholarship fund and for the activities for the PN Princess throughout the year. We did a Meat package raffle from Wild Country Meats and the three winners picked up their prizes at the facility. The Committee will continue to fundraise

support and learning opportunities that promote character development and

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life-enhancing values. The purpose of the program will be to prepare the future Pawnee Nation Princess' to build character and life skills through exposure of cultural and traditional Pawnee values. Also, by providing young ladies with consistent, caring mentors to guide them in the development of becoming a Pawnee Nation Princess. The Committee looks to start this program within the first or second quarter of 2021 and start with six applicants. As we grow, we will add more young ladies to the program.

The Committee will be looking to approve paperwork that will be needed and also discuss with Cassandra McAdams (Wichita Little Sisters) to get some insight on the program the Wichita Tribe currently has. Discussion on structure of their program and how we could utilize the same procedures.

PN Princess Sorority – The Committee has plans to advertise for the Princess Sorority and set up their first meeting at the beginning of the third quarter (July/August). The purpose of the Pawnee Nation Princess Sorority (PNPS) will be to promote and perpetuate Tribal culture, tradition, and ritual, originating within the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. The PNPS will be a non-profit organization that aims to retain and preserve the cultural heritage of the Pawnee Nation through the promotion of: presentation of music, dance, arts, crafts, sports and other recreational activities, foods, ceremonies, etc., dissemination of higher education career choices and health related information. We also envision in the future, that the Sorority will take lead on the Mentoring Program. This will be for enrolled Pawnee members who held the title as a former Pawnee Nation Princess or Pawnee Tribal/Expo Princess.

As soon as the Committee approves the application for the sorority, we will send out flyers and advertisements of the first meeting. We plan on the first meeting around the beginning of the fourth quarter. The first order of business will be to approve the revisions to the Sorority By-Laws and help with the selection of officers. The Committee will help facilitate the first couple of meetings until all the necessary approvals are done and will then step away. The Sorority will function on their own under their By-Laws.

PN Princess Scholarship Program – The Princess Committee advertised for several months the Princess Scholarship and did not receive any applicants by the deadline. The Committee will review the application process and get ready for next years scholarship deadline. We plan on advertising starting in January of 2022.

<u>Princess Activities</u> – We will be looking at some summer activities for the Princess which will include, but are not limited to, Pawnee Indian Veterans Homecoming, Arikara Celebration, Pawnee Wichita Visitation and Indian Expo.

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V. <u>Financial Reporting:</u>

Our financial status is reflected in the PN Financial Report prepared by the PN Finance Department.

VI. Closing:

The Committee looks froward to the implementation of the Mentor Program and the Princess Sorority. Also, the continued representation of Ms. Haley as the Pawnee Nation Princess for 2021-2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Butler, PBC Seat #1 Pawnee Nation Princess Committee Chair

