

## **Oneida Pow-wow Committee**

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Purpose: Purpose: The Powwow Committee coordinates and manages three annual Powwows (Three Sisters, Honor the Youth, and the 4th of July Pow-wow which is a contest pow-wow).

Monthly meetings – We meet the First Tuesday of each month at the Skenandoah Complex at 4:45PM. Our meetings are open to the public.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oneida Pow-wow was held on July 4, 5, & 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 – Highlights below

1. This year we raised \$3,600 in fundraising events. N.I.G.A also donated \$2000 and O.T.I.E. donated \$1000.
  - a. This money was used for specials during the pow-wow.
2. We honored the late Purcell Powless by putting his picture on our poster along with a quote.
  - a. The Powless Family put on a smoke dance special and honoring ceremony in his honor.
3. We were a full capacity with our craft and food vendors. We had 13 food vendors and 23 craft vendors bring in a total of \$12,750.00 for space rental charges.
4. Our admission totals were up from previous years. In 2012 we had 6,869 people and in 2013 we had 6,577. This year our admission total was 7,189 bringing in over \$45,000 in sales. We raised our admission prices this year. Weekend passes went from \$12 to \$15 each. Daily passes went from \$5 to \$7 each.
5. Our budget for this year's pow-wow was \$102,700. – \$10,177 was not used and returned.

- a. \$84,800 was prize money for the dancers and singers.
  - b. \$1,700 was for security, admissions, parking & clean up help.
  - c. \$3,400 was for supplies
  - d. \$5,650 was for start-up cash for admissions, & concessions which was returned at the close of the pow-wow.
6. Service Vendors and costs are listed below:
- a. Jim's Golf Carts \$5,030.00
  - b. Rent-A-Tent \$4,940
  - c. Radisson \$2,054.00
  - d. VandenPlas Sanitation (porta potties) \$4,555.00
  - e. Sound Vendor – Rezonance Productions \$2,000
  - f. RV Rentals (s) \$1,398
  - g. 8 Head Staff Positions \$1000 each
  - h. Gaming Security (No bill yet)
  - i. T-shirts \$1,999 – We cut our order in half this year.
  - j. Our advertising Budget is around \$8000. (Tourism handles our advertising)

Overall, our pow-wow was a success. Our admissions were up, our vendors were full, and our volunteers were great. We wouldn't be able to have our pow-wow without our volunteers. We had Bellin Health Nursing volunteer their time in our first aide stand throughout the weekend. Our Oneida electricians and maintenance crew also did a great job. If anyone has any suggestions please send them our way as we are always looking to improve.