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**Seniors, Elders & Advocates Committee (SEA)**

Wednesday August 17, 2022 3:30pm Hybrid

**Present:** Myra, Maureen, Haruko, Lora, Lynn, Amelia, Kai, Mae, Valerie, Vera D, Annie D, Daniel, Kya

**Orange Shirt Day Planning** – Friday September 30th 2022

* OSD is to recognize those effected by the residential school system not a platform for political leaders. There are other opportunities for them to do so on this day;

**MOTION:** Survivors and their families and friends to speak during event. All speakers should be invited to share stories, artwork, poetry etc.

* Sept 30th Day
  + OSD can be an opportunity for intergenerational sharing
  + Suggestion for sign language translation (or other translation for preserving/in-person events)
  + Suggestion poll for OSD planning, for community members to share input and ideas
  + If possible to have a smaller sharing circle during the event, and/or a white board or chalk board for those who do not wish to speak at the event but can still share any thoughts and feelings
  + Suggestion for smudging to be available for any those attending
* Preservation of survivor’s stories & how to ensure this work is more than a “special event”
  + Similar to the A&C loom weaving installation, have something for OSD i.e. a wish wall with sticky notes, books or recordings of survivors and those impacted buy residential school (with translations)
  + Suggestion for a moving forward ceremony or burning similar to a Mountainview Cemetery event held for children buried without markers
* Possible future fundraising event for Brit 55+ and OSD: Call out for creating a design to print on orange shirts;

**MOTION:** Daniel and Craft Collective Committee to discuss

* Table for vendors;

**MOTION:** SEA is open to public members having vending tables alongside theirs at the OSD event. No preference for number of tables at the event, but majority % should be available to SEA/CC/WOCT/55+ members. (All tables are understood as a first come first served basis with the vending application process.) Public vendors welcome to apply as long as they are;

* + Indigenous survivors or the families of survivors of residential school
  + Products being sold are within the theme of OSD respectfully
  + Products are handmade
* SEA on speakers and ceremony
  + Suggestion to contact Ray Thunderchild for a possible MC. Otherwise no further suggestions and back to the OSD planning to oversee.
  + Drum Circle lead by Seislom;

**MOTION:** Daniel to contact Seislom and invite drum circle to attend and drum for Sept 30th OSD event

**Craft Collective Pin Making**

* Orange felt and beading supplies are available to pick up
* Open pin making sessions are happening onsite at the 55+ centre from now until OSD event
  + Contact Daniel for supplies and the best times to come craft – [Daniel.cook@vancouver.ca](mailto:Daniel.cook@vancouver.ca)

**Program Updates**

* New Fall Programs
  + Registration is open and Fall brochure is available in print and online at britanniacentre.org
* WOCT
  + Hybrid will return in a more sustainable format following Public Health guidelines
  + Instructors will be focusing on in-person lessons and instructions, those joining online are invited to for solely social interactions and working with their own supplies from home
  + Zoom sessions will no longer be recorded, to ensure the comfortability of instructors being able to focus on in-person lessons
  + At the end of instructors teaching the floor will open up for conversations and discussions between in-person and online members
* Hat Weaving is now fully under Britannia 55+ centre programming. Program is a fee for service program and registration will be done through the Info Centre administration desk
  + New sessions are being offered from Sep 8 – Oct 27 & Nov 3 – Dec 22 2022. Each Thursday 1:30pm – 4pm.

Meeting adjourned

Next SEA Meeting: **3:30pm Wednesday September 21, 2022**