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MIAMI TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

OFFICIAL UPDATE

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Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Annual Meeting

Through this update the Business Committee would like to announce a preliminary date for the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Annual Meeting. As you are aware, the country remains in pandemic status with medical experts projecting a resurgence of COVID-19 in the fall. With this in mind, and with reports that schools may commence in some fashion in the fall, the Business Committee has selected **Saturday, August 1, 2020** for the Miami Tribe's Annual Meeting. Please keep in mind that a spike in COVID-19 cases or federal action may impact the projected date.

Because large gatherings pose health concerns and the Tribe does not have a facility with enough space to allow for social distancing of a large group, the Annual Meeting will be held outdoors. The meeting will begin at **8:00 AM** on **August 1st** before the heat of the day sets in and will take place behind the Council House utilizing the large awning constructed on the West side of the Powwow grounds and will include a very large tent. Seating will be set up in groups of 2 or 4 with social distancing measures in place between family groups. There will also be single seating with social distancing for members who do not attend with family. There will not be childcare available.

Attendees in the at-risk health category may wish to bring their own chairs and/or sun awnings if they wish to be seated outside of the tent environment for additional distancing safety. Tribal Members are urged to bring folding chairs and sun awnings in the event the tent and awning spaces, with social distancing, fill up and require seating outside of those areas.

If there is inclement weather, the meeting will be moved inside the Council House with only voting Tribal Members admitted due to space limitation and social distancing requirements.

Each tribal member, after signing in, will receive an Annual Meeting booklet (with all reports included as usual) and a ballot package for voting. The Annual Meeting Agenda will be brief with a short introduction by Chief Lankford who will then move right into elections of Officers, Grievance Committee and Tribal Princess, followed by open forum.

The Tribe is discussing a means to provide either brown bag lunches or a drive through pick up meal following conclusion of the meeting. There will be no day care services available. Port-a-Johns with sanitation stations will be provided.

Keeping our membership safe and healthy, while providing a means to receive the Annual Meeting booklet with yearly reports, and to hold elections, drives the decisions made during these very difficult times. It is the sincere wish of the Business Committee that next year will allow for a return to normal for Annual Meeting and all Annual Meeting events and activities.

Miami Tribe of Oklahoma CARES Act Fund Revenues

Leadership has implemented measures to ensure that expenditures of the restrictive stimulus funds meet Department of Treasury CARES Act guidelines. This is vital to ensure that funds are not spent in violation of guidelines requiring a return of funding. These measures include the appointment of a CARES Act Fund Team consisting of the Secretary-Treasurer, accounting personnel, compliance, LLC director and legal. The Tribe is consulting with a certified CPA and forensic auditor to ensure that needs identified for funding comply with the strict and complicated Department of Treasury guidelines. Information on expenditures will be provided in the Secretary-Treasurer report distributed on August 1, 2020.

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