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January 14, 2022

Dear Wakasa Memorial Committee:

We are looking forward to meeting with you the week of January 24th. We propose that our first order of business is to discuss how to widen our planning circle to get a broad scope of ideas for the future of the Wakasa Monument and the 80th anniversary ceremony in April 2023.

We have already begun contacting community leaders for their advice on how best to outreach to Topaz stakeholders and the Japanese American community.

One initial step may be to expand our group of six (three WMC representatives and three Topaz Museum representatives) to an additional three people who would represent other perspectives. In this way, the nine of us could move forward to determine effective ways that would create pipelines for interested parties to offer input and ideas. If you agree, please plan on bringing a list of potential names to our meeting so we can discuss.

Once you let us know if the Tuesday or Thursday dates would be good for you and what start time works, we will set up the virtual meeting logistics.

Sincerely,

Topaz Museum Board of Directors

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