

Delaware Tribe of Indians

Delaware Trust Board Minutes

March 18, 2015

Delaware Community Center

Minutes--- unapproved

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Chairman Chet Brooks called March 18, 2015 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Assistant Chairperson Mary Watters gave the invocation.

Secretary called the roll those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Assistant Chair Mary Watters, Secretary Verna Crawford, Treasurer John Sumpter, Members Joe Brooks, and Homer Scott.

Chairman Chet Brooks welcomed guest. He asked if any guest would like to address the Board at this time.

Guests, Tribal officials and employees present included Mary Randall, Charles Randall, Curtis Zunigha, Jean Lewis, Gilbert Watters, Michelle Holly, Dana Morrel and Johnny Barker. and Bonnie Griffith.

Roger Stewart moved to approve the agenda. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Joe Brooks moved to approve the February 18, 2015 minutes with corrections if need. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Sumpter reported the Trust balance as of February 28, 2015 was \$4,277,245.39. This was an increase of \$61,598.26 from the January 31, 2015 balance of \$4,215,647.13.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the February 2015 financials pending audit. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Committee Reports:

Community Services: Chair Verna Crawford

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, March 9, 2015. Verna Crawford reported that six applications were reviewed. Five were approved for a total of \$1,260.34, one was denied. (2 Elder Prescription, 1 emergency and 1 emergency denied). The next meeting will be on April 15, 2015.

Cultural Preservation: Chair Roger Stewart

Roger Stewart stated the Cultural Preservation Committee reviewed the success of the stomp dance held on February 14, 2015 that they co-hosted with Elders and Veterans Committees.

Stewart said more people should to be involved in the language, drumming and singing sessions held every month. This will help save our heritage.

There are activities are held every Monday. The 1st and 3rd Mondays are for traditional singing and drumming in the Community Center. The 2nd and 4th Mondays Jim Remmenter holds language classes in the Social Services building.

The next meeting will be on April 6, at 6 p.m. in the Social services building.

Education: Chair Joe Brooks

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The Committee met March 18, 2015. Joe Brooks reported ten applications were reviewed, (6 full time and 1 part-time scholarships and 3 athletic assistance.) Seven scholarships approved for a total of \$1,950. Two Athletic Assistance applications were denied.

The Committee elected Darrel Glenn as chair and Joe Brooks as co-chair. The Trust Board must confirm the election.

Joe Brooks made the motion to accept athletic assistance applications for students in Pre-K through sixth grade, provided the activity is school sponsored and proof is included.

The next meeting will be on April 13, 2015.

Verna Crawford moved to confirm the Education Committees election of Darrell Glenn as chair and Joe Brooks as co-chair. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with seven yes votes.

Elders Committee: Chair Mary Watters

The Elders Committee met on March 2, 2015. Mary Watters reported there was a good turnout.

Bonnie Thaxton gave the prayer.

The meeting opened with Elder Jack Tatum led a bean dance. He has been leading a dance for the last several months.

Jan Brown gave treasurer's report.

The Stomp dance the Committee helped with was a success.

Activities for April were discussed. A card game tournament was suggested. No plans have been made yet.

It was noted that the Elder Committee would elect officers every two years starting in 2014.

It has been agreed to sell the brown couch. There have been on takers yet, but it will be advertised.

Jim Rementer is writing a grant to interview Elders talking about their lives and Delaware history.

The next meeting will be on April 6, 2015.

Reinvestment: Chair John Sumpter

Meets quarterly. No report was given due to no meeting being held.

Tribal Operations: Chair Chet Brooks

Meets quarterly. Chet Brooks stated that the Tribe has been paid \$20,0047.80. The funds for Tribal Operations are paid to the Tribe to cover the cost of administering the Trust funds.

Veterans Committee: Chair Kenny Brown, Vice Chair Roger Stewart

The Veterans Committee met on February 18, 2015. Roger Stewart reported the committee worked on the details for the March 28, 2015 fundraising auction. He noted more items need and requested donations for the auction. A Taco dinner will be held at noon and the Auction will begin at 1p.m. Joe Brooks stated he will be in a personnel committee meeting at the same time as the Veterans Committee meeting. Joe will be designing a flyer for the event and asked Roger to get him the information and the flyer would be done tomorrow.

The proceeds will go toward the purchase of a gun safe and rifles for the Color Guard to use at burial details. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

Unfinished Business:

Joe Brooks asked if there had been a representative selected to represent the Trust Board on the NAGPRA/Historical Preservation Oversight Committee?

Chairman Chet Brooks stated that the selection of representatives for that Committee had been turned over to the Cultural Preservation Committee. John Sumpter and Anita Mathis have been selected. The Elders Committee needs to select someone to represent the Elders on the Committee.

New Business:

Chairman Brooks announced that the Tribal Council has formed a Grant Writing Steering Committee. Benita Shea and Nathan Young will represent the Council. Jean Lewis, Chief Financial Officer and Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha will also be on the Committee. A representative is needed from the Trust Board.

Joe Brooks moved to have Verna Crawford represent the Trust Board on the Grant Writing Steering Committee. Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Discussion: Joe Brooks stated that elected officials should not be paid to write grants. The Tribal Council receives payment for serving on the Council.

John Sumpter said there should be sealed bidding on grant writing. As long as the position is publicly advertised there should be no problem with an elected official submitting a bid.

The Steering Committee will set up guidelines to prevent conflict of interest.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Joe Brooks moved to hold the April Trust Board meeting on April 15, 2015 at 4 p.m. in the Delaware Community Center 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Roger Stewart moved to adjourn. Homer Scott seconded the motion. All approved. Chairman Chet Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.