The Trust Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians met Wednesday, November 28, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chairperson Mary Jo Peterson. Members present at roll call were Mary Jo Peterson, Joe Brooks, Homer Scott, John Thomas, Roger Stewart and Marilyn Cole. There is a vacant seat on the Trust Board. Guest present in the audience included Chief Brooks, Leslie Young, Kay Anderson, Tom Scott and Johnnie Barker. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Homer Scott seconded by Joe Brooks. Motion carried with all in favor. John Thomas then discussed the recent passage of law concerning persons serving on both boards. He then passed out a handout on ex post facto law. Lengthy discussion followed. He feels that the tribal courts should look at this. Further discussion followed. The council has voted that this will take effect at the next elections. More discussion, John will take to the Tribal Court.

There were no submitted minutes in the packet to review. Motion to table this was made by Joe Brooks seconded by Roger Stewart. Motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer’s report was given by Joe Brooks.

It was suggested that Arvest be contacted to make a presentation to the Trust Board. Leslie or Joe will contact them. Motion to approve the Treasurer’s report pending audit was made by Marilyn Cole seconded by Roger Stewart. Motion carried with a no vote from John Thomas.
Reports:

Community Service was given by Joe Brooks. The committee had approved four burial applications, one elder optical, ten emergency assistance and one rental request. These totaled $5,625.29. One emergency application was declined.

Cultural Preservation was given by Homer Scott. He stated that motion was made to reimburse Kay Anderson for the grape dumpling supplies. It was estimated that there were approximately 200 people at Delaware Days. Discussion was also held about having dance and drumming classes. Classes on moccasin making, ribbon shirt and dresses and gourd rattle making will also be held. The upcoming stomp dance at the Dewey fair grounds was also discussed. December 3rd is the next meeting date. The Lenapeowsi foundation was discussed. They have requested a donation for the upcoming youth Christmas Party. It was stated that this foundation needs to be more involved with Cultural Preservation. The veterans committee is making a donation as well. Motion to approve $500 donation to the foundation from Cultural Preservation for their youth Christmas Party. Motion carried with all in favor.

Education was given by Marilyn Cole. The committee approved two athletic assistance, one driver’s education and one votech application. These totaled $375.00.

Elders Committee was given by Homer Scott. He stated that the Elders passed out candy at the Halloween party. Several members went to the Osage casino and then went to Braums recently. This month there will be a special meeting held as several want to go to the Rhema lights in Tulsa. This month’s casino trip will be to Hominy.

Reinvestment had no meeting. John Thomas discussed the last investment opportunity that we could have done. He feels that the Trust Document needs an update. Discussion followed.

Tribal Operations had no meeting.

Veterans Committee report was given by Homer Scott. They had a meeting Nov. 27th. There was discussion about the War Mothers having a dinner for the Veterans. A chili cook off with the War Mothers in February was also discussed. Sara and Homer attended the funeral of Howard Barnes. The meeting for December will be canceled and they will meet January 15, 2019. John Thomas asked about a Cherokee/Veterans building project. Discussion followed and Bill Davis is the contact for the Cherokee Nation.

Motion to approve the committee reports was made by Joe Brooks seconded by Homer Scott. Motion carried with all in favor.

Unfinished Business:
The vacancy on the Trust Board was discussed. This will be announced and interested parties need to submit a letter of intent to Mary Jo Peterson before the December meeting, they must be present at the December meeting as a selection will be made at that time. Motion to table until the next meeting was made by Joe Brooks seconded by Homer Scott. Motion carried with all in favor. A letter of Intent was submitted by John Thomas for Michelle Holley.

New Business: None

Motion to set the date of December 19th at 4:30 p.m. as the meeting date was made by Homer Scott seconded by Homer Scott. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion to adjourn was made by Roger Stewart seconded by Homer Scott. Motion carried with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.