

Delaware Tribe of Indians
Delaware Trust Board Minutes
February 3, 2014
Delaware Tribal Center/Caney, Kansas
Minutes--- approved
Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Chairman Chet Brooks called the February 3, 2014 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

Mary Watters gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called roll those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Vice Chair Nicky Michael, Secretary Verna Crawford, Treasurer John Sumpter, Board members Mary Watters, John Sumpter and Joe Brooks (arrived late). Homer Scott was absent. His absent was excused.

Chairman Chet Brooks welcomed guest. He invited anyone who would like to address the Board to do so.

Guests, Tribal officials and employees present included Chief Paula Pechonick, Judge Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Gil Watters, Greg Brown, Council member Janifer Brown, Susan Cade, Bonnie Jo Griffith, Nancy Sumpter and Business Manager Curtis Zunigha.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the agenda with corrections. John Sumpter seconded the motion.

Discussion: Under approval of minutes should read January 7, 2014 and Education Committee should be Nicky Michael.

Motion carried with five yes. (Joe Brooks had not arrived yet).

Minutes of previous meeting:

Verna Crawford moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Nicky Michael seconded the motion.

Discussion: John Sumpter pointed out that on page 2 in the Education Committee report, second paragraph, fourth line should read "GPA was increased not reduced" and in the next sentence the date should be "February 10, 2014 not February 10, 2013". Verna Crawford asked Mary Watters what were the dates for the Elders Committee meetings in December and January. Mary replied December 16, 2013 and January 13, 2014

Motion carried with six yes.

Treasurer's Report:

Verna Crawford moved to accept the financials ending December 31, 2013 pending audit. Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Treasurer John Sumpter reported the fund balance as of December 31, 2013, was \$4,013,806.16. This was a small decrease, but did not go below \$4,000,000.

Chairman Brooks stated that the synopsis of the report is available if anyone in the audience would care for one.

Motion carried six yes.

Committee Reports:

Secretary Verna Crawford requested that the committee reports be submitted in writing if possible. It would help with the accuracy of the minutes.

Community Services: Chair Verna Crawford

Community Services Committee meets the second Monday of each month starting at 1 p.m. The meeting is usually held in the Social Services Building. **Chairman Verna Crawford** stated that the Community Service Committee report was attached. Community Service Committee met 1:30 p.m. on January 13, 2014, she continued.

Members present were Chair Verna Crawford, Assistant Chair Allan Barnes, Chet Brooks, Joe Brooks, Bonnie Jo Griffith, Nicky Michael, and Darrell Glenn. Members absent were Homer Scott, John Sumpter and Titus Frenchman.

Twenty-one applications were considered. Twenty were approved and one denied, for a total of \$3,602.95.

Joe Brooks moved to use the 80% HUD income guidelines for committee income guidelines for all categories except for burial. Bonnie Jo Griffith seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 10, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Cultural Preservation: Chair Chet Brooks

Cultural Preservation Committee meets the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6 p.m. The Committee met in on January 21, 2014 in the Social Services meeting room. Chair Brooks commented that the attendance was the lowest in all the years he has been chairman. The low attendance was due to the weather.

Chair Brooks reported, the Elders Committee requested someone check and see if the Delaware monument/reburial sight on Ellis Island had been damaged. After calling the Park Service he was assured that no damage had been done. He stated the Park Service would be sending a photo soon. Nicky Michael related she had been in New York after Sandy with a delegation from the Delaware Nation and were given a private tour. It was amazing, she said, there was destruction everywhere but the area where our where our monument and the wall of names of immigrants was.

Chet Brooks said that the Committee approved to start Delaware Language classes on every Sunday from 2 to 3 p.m. Starting on February 9, 2014. Jim Rementer will be the instructor. Chet encouraged everyone to come.

Chet Brooks said that Jim Rementer is secretary of the Committee and does a fine job. The minutes will be submitted to the Secretary in the future.

Chair Brooks announced that everyone is always welcome to attend Committee meetings.

Education: Chair Nicky Michael

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month.

Chair Nicky Michael reported the Committee met on Monday, January 13, 2014 following Community Services. Committee members present were Chair Nicky Michael, Assistant Chair Bonnie Jo Griffith, Verna Crawford, Allan Barnes, Chet Brooks, Joe Brooks, and Darrell Glenn. Members absent were Homer Scott, John Sumpter and Titus Frenchman.

Nicky Michael stated, there has been a link added to the Education Department site on the Delaware Tribe's website addressing on-line courses. She informed the Board that there are many courses online classes on Native studies. One is at OU on Native Oklahomans.

One quarterly scholarship awarded, two education and one VoTech applications approved, totaling \$575.

The next meeting will be February 10, 2014 at 11 a.m. Scholarships will be awarded on that day.

Discussion following report:

Why reduce the amount awarded per scholarship? That is due to the increasing number of applicants. The Committee felt it better to give a smaller amount to more students.

The question was asked why be donate about \$40,000 a year to the Chelsea Boys and Girls Club? The Trust Board does not donate anything to that organization. The Delaware Tribe, through the Housing Department oversees that donation. (Note: The Delaware Housing Authority helped state that club and pledged ongoing financial support.)

Other questions regarded VoTech scholarships and allocations for Driver's Ed.

An Education Workshop will be scheduled to discuss these topics. The date, time and place will be set and published so that concerned Delaware may offer their suggestions and ask questions.

Verna Crawford noted that Trust Board meetings including workshops and committee meetings are open to any interested tribal member.

Elder Committee: Chair Mary Watters

The Elders Committee meeting is held after lunch on the first Monday of each month.

Chair Mary Watters reported the Elder's Committee is hosting a celebration of life for Karen Cummings, Bonnie Thaxton's daughter, on Saturday, February 8, 2014. There will be no cost to the Elder's Committee as food and other necessary items will be donated. Forms for exemption for affordable health care were distributed and are available in the office of Sandi Jamison, Chief Pechonick's executive assistant.

The Committee sponsored a trip to Woolaroc and Johnstone Park in December.

Joe Brooks suggested checking on the condition of the monument located at the reburial site of Delaware ancestor remains on Ellis Island following Hurricane Sandy. Trust Board Chairman Chet Brooks was asked to investigate for the Committee.

The Committee would like to have more activities for elders than just having lunch. Mary Watters noted, the elders play bingo on Thursday afternoon; there is an exercise program Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Bonnie Thaxton suggested visiting Delaware Elders who are in nursing homes once a month.

Bonnie Jo Griffith suggested having a nutritionist make a presentation. Bonnie Jo Griffith and Jenifer Pechonick are starting a "Choose to Lose" weight loss program on Tuesdays.

The next meeting will be March 3, 2014 after lunch at 1 p.m.

Reinvestment: Chair John Sumpter

Meets quarterly. No report.

Tribal Operations: Chair Joe Brooks

Meets quarterly. **Chairman Joe Brooks** reported he and CFRO Jean Lewis met to review and execute the transfer of Tribal Operations funds to the general account. This money is paid to the Tribe for administrative support including accounting functions, staff support for committees and any other functions needed for the committees and Trust Board to carry out their duties. The total Tribal Operations budget is about \$13,880.

Veterans Committee: Chair John Sumpter

Chairman John Sumpter reported the committee budget has been submitted to accounting. Future meeting time and date will be announced.

Delaware Veterans who would like to be on the committee please contact John Sumpter or the Trust Board Secretary and give contact information.

Verna Crawford stated, all program personnel are asked to request all applicants provide email addresses. These are forwarded to the Enrollment Department to be added to the member's information. The possibility of sending regular email updates to Tribal members has been discussed.

The suggestion was made to send postcards to committee members with meeting dates and times.

A representative of the Disabled American Veterans in at the Tribal Complex on the first and third Monday of each month from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Veterans Administration representative Lee West comes on Wednesday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Child Development Center to assist veterans.

Secretary Verna Crawford requested the Committees submit a written report to be included in the minutes. That would help insure the committee reports be more accurate.

Unfinished Business:

The Trust Board was asked if the cemetery be maintained as in the past since the Land Management Committee has been replaced? The Tribe and the Historical Preservation program are handling the care of the cemeteries now.

Susan Cade asked if the Board had checked what fees are charged by the Board Investment Managers and have they been renegotiated? After discussion, a workshop was set for Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Delaware Community Center. The workshop would be open to all Tribal members. The purpose of the workshop will be to discuss and develop questions to ask the Investment Managers and the possibility of asking for proposals from other entities.

New Business:

Verna Crawford moved to hold the March 3, 2014 Trust Board meeting at four p.m. in Delaware Community Center in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. **Joe Brooks** seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.