ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING APRIL 4, 2013

MEETING: Ken Radar, 11:07 a.m.
INVOCATION: Clarence White.
ROLL CALL: Ken Radar, P, Maxine Margiotta, P, Clarence White, P, Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Ruth Saldivar, P. Also in attendance, Petey Boehm,

AGENDA: Dean Orvis invited the Elders to attend a Detroit Tigers ball. The trip will be on May 12, 2013. The Michigan Indian Family Olympics is in July at Central Michigan University. Dean also informed us that the Youth Council will help the Elders with planting a garden. If there is not enough room for a regular garden, they will plant a pot garden. Paul Shagen, attorney explained the changes to the MIEA policy. Petey informed the membership that Clarence White is Elder of the month. Pamela Riley, hearing aid specialist gave a report of how hearing loss can occur: age, occupation, trauma, infections. She also shared some of the new technology in hearing aids.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: J.T. Morseau who heads the Launch program explained that this program deals with young children’s wellness. His group is working with the Gun Lake Tribe and the Nottawaseppi Huron Band to see what is really needed. A member had concerns as to how the money is spent.

NEW BUSINESS: A member asked about the Gathering, will there be a charge for crafts. Is there a contract with the vendors. These questions will be asked of the Gathering committee. The Labor Day Pow Wow will be held as usual.

OLD BUSINESS: None

MINUTES : Maxine moved to accept the minutes of February 7, 2013, Ken supported, (5) yes, passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Audrey moved to accept the treasurer’s report, Ken, supported, (5) yes, passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Basket making will be held in April 18, 2013. Jennie Brown’s children will play music and sing for us at the basket making.
Active living classes will be Fridays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Gathering will be held in Dowagiac MI, August, 8-11, 2013.
APRIL BIRTHDAYS: Valerie Baker, Judy Augusta, Bonnie Parrish, Yvonne “Petey” Boehm, Vivian Jackson, Carl Wesaw.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES: Stanley & Linda Morseau, 48 years.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:40 p.m.