

## ELDERS COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 6, 2016

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 11:00 AM**ROLL CALL:** Stanley Morseau, Chair (P), Maxine Margiotta, Vice Chair (P), Clarence White, Treasurer (P), Judy Augusta, Secretary (P), Cathy Ford, At-Large (P), Elders Rep., Judy Winchester (P) left at 1:50 p.m.**INVOCATION:** Clarence White**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Rachel Sheely. Maxine Margiotta moved to accept the Finance Report. Seconded by Judy Augusta. Carried.

7GENS, SCOTT VANDENBUSSCHE/SCOTT WINCHESTER. Discussion began with site location. Design of building was shown for discussion. Plans are for an 8,000 square foot building right now. A fireplace with possible seating is planned. Entrance will be on the East side, keeping with Tradition. A canopy will be installed for drop-off/pickup. There will be barrier free restrooms for handicapped. Larger exit doors. 7Gen will eventually meet with Social Services regarding the kitchen layout. A question regarding a storm shelter was raised. More on that topic at a later date.

**BREAK FOR LUNCH:** Resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Gerald Wesaw and Yvonne Boehm won the raffle.

**CARING CIRCLE OF LAKELAND HOSPITAL, MELODY PILLOW, STEPHANIE KOSTIZEN, & BRANDI EDGE.** Melody Pillow made an announcement there will be a 5K walk/run on Friday, November 4 at Southwestern Michigan College 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Join the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi to raise diabetes Awareness in our community. Stephanie is a social worker with Hospice. Brandi is a Community Resource person. Caregivers, House Call Program. They cover Cass, Van Buren, Berrien counties. There is a Physician Assistant who does home care. They spoke about bereavement, and it is not billed. Hospice care is covered 100 % by your health care provider. There is Long-Term Care Insurance, but be careful and read the small print. Read your plan carefully, because they may try not to pay. Yvonne of Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) may be able to assist you. She has an office at the Community Center for Pokagon Citizens. Check your newsletter for her number. A word of warning, Skilled Nursing Homes may take your property for payment. Lady Bird Deeds was mentioned. It is a way for a property owner to maintain property in his or her name but pass it along to a beneficiary at their death. This method avoids probate. Tribal Council approved a grant for health care to go to homes, but it is still in the works.

Transitions: Coping with advanced progressive illness. Transitions, a volunteer-support system provided in the comfort of your home. It is offered to area residents coping with progressive conditions both during and after the completion of medical treatments focused on treating your condition. Brandi Edge can help with drug plans. She is located in the St. Joseph office. She can make as many calls as necessary, even if it is 1–100 visits,

**ELDERS REP:** Judy attended the 8th and final Tribal Nations Conference in Washington, DC. Obama stated “I want everybody in this auditorium and all the folks back home in your respective communities to know that his who time I’ve heard you, I have seen you And I hope I’ve done right by you. I hope I’ve set a direction that others will follow.”

Regarding Per Cap. Because of per cap some tribes have a high suicide rate. Good to know our tribe has taken great care in per cap distribution.

Judy brought back information to pass on to the Repatriation Committee.

Land in trust in South Bend has not happened yet though we keep saying any day.

Judy again mentioned that the Neonatal Unit in South Bend is working on names for some of the rooms. English and Potawatomi.

**BETH WARNER/ ABBY KUSCH**

Beth needs Elder of the Month. Event Calendar is on the table. Mon, Wed, & Fri. Elders Wellness meets with Tia.

**Abby:** 7Gen’s construction is having a Bus Tour October 18. There are 34 seats available. There is a sign-up sheet on the table. The Bus will leave from the Community Center at 9:00 a.m.

**DONNIE SUMNERS:** Education will be giving away Kindles again. Read the newsletter on how to register.

**ELDERS CONCERNS:**

**Faye Magnuson - Veterans:** Will Elders Council be making a donation to the Veterans again? Yes, the money will be sent directly to the organization for supplies, hygiene, etc. They really need stamps.

**Kathy Grant:** South Dakota. Kathy will be taking a trip to South Dakota to support the efforts of the people in their fight against the pipeline. She would like to take a Pokagon flag. Where could she obtain one? Maxine told her there is one at Elders Hall not being used, she could take that. Tribal Council is meeting this Saturday. Ask them if it would be proper to take one.

**MINUTES:** Clarence White made a motion to accept the minutes of September 1, 2016. Seconded by Maxine Margiotta. Carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please don’t ask for take-out boxes when you attend the MIEA. You must wear your lanyard when picking up your boxed lunch to go.

**Cardio Drumming:** Cathy Ford asked for participation if you can. It’s a lot of fun.

A motion to adjourn was made by Clarence White. Seconded by Cathy Ford. Carried. Adjourned at 2:00