

ELDERS COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 3, 2016

CALLED TO ORDER: 11:00 AM

ROLL CALL: Stanley Morseau, Chairman, (P) Maxine Margiotta, Vice-Chair (P) Clarence White, Treasurer (P) Judy Augusta, Secretary (P) Cathy Ford, At-Large (P) Judy Winchester, Elders Rep. (P) Beth Warner (absent).

INVOCATION: Clarence White

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rachel Sheely. Motion by Clarence White to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Maxine Margiotta. Carried.

7GEN: SCOTT WINCHESTER. Presentation of Schematic design. How it has progressed. The building is in the range of 8,000 square feet. There will be controlled heating and cooling in each room. Led lighting. (Q) Is there's a tentative date to bread ground? (A) Yes, May. (Q) Will there be an area for outdoor activities? (A) That will be looked into.

MIEA: Theresa McFall The last MIEA was held at Four Winds. The hotel surprised all participants by leaving a plate of Carmel Apples, donuts, and chocolate, everything on the plate was eatable, including a business card and a plate shaped like a leave. Diana Chandler, Theresa McFall and Judy Augusta attended the Delegates dinner. She asked Dawn Lenger if the minutes could be put on line in a timelier manner. She will look into it. Tom Derwin was elected Chair of the MIEA, and Dawn Lenger was uncontested as Secretary. There needs to be a policy in place for ties in the elections. Incentives and Scholarships are always discussed. Carl Wesaw was auctioneer. The entertainment was Crystal Shawanda. The flag was passed to Little River Band of Ottawa. July the Saginaw Chippewa will host. October Keweenaw Bay will host. No dates set. A resolution was passed to support Standing Rock and sent to the governor.

ELDERS REP: There isn't a lot to report. Council has had four meetings. They've been working with the Finance Board. Those meetings are open and start at 9:00 am. November 19 is the Quarterly meeting at the Dowagiac Middle School. Judy announced that there are Tee Shirts available at the administration building for voting. Cd's from Crystal Shawanda performance will be going to all Pokagon Elders who attended the conference. Standing Rock financial donations will be discussed with Larry Rosenthal regarding the legalities. South Bend property will be in trust any day. Land to build homes will be considered first. (Q) Will you be giving updates on the land in trust? (A) Yes, and there will also be something in the newsletter.

JEAN MOLLETT, NAVAJOS. Jean asked if coats, sweater, etc could be donated to the Navajo elders. There are 240 elders. She said that water is only brought once a month. Jean will have something to put the clothes in.

MINUTES: Julie Dye asked that the minutes be amended in the Long Term Care section. Stan said it would be put on the Wednesday agenda and it will be taken care of then. Maxine Margiotta moved to accept the minutes of October 06, 2016. Clarence White seconded. Carried.

TRIPS: Please turn in your choices before you leave.

SNOW REMOVAL: Application will be put in the Legislative issue of the Pokagon newsletter.

MIEA: During registration at the last MIEA meeting a couple from Canada asked to be registered and was allowed. This involved a volunteer. Individuals have called the volunteer and harassed her. She was brand new to the registration system, and she should have had better instructions from Elders Council. Maxine notified Dawn Lenger about the Canadian registrees. She said anyone can go on the web site. She thinks they may have read the registration form that said it was open to anyone and they literally thought it meant to everyone other than Michigan elders. In the future it needs to be more defined.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AND INCENTIVES: Starting in 2017 the Pokagon Elders Council will match whichever award the student gets.

CATHY FORD/KATHY GRANT: The ladies gave a report on their trip to Standing Rock. They took a Pokagon flag with them. It was presented to a Veteran. A song was sung in their honor, and everyone greeted them. Their support was appreciated. There are 980 flags flying.

Julie Dye announced there will be a NoDapl rally in Lansing in support of Standing Rock. There is a flyer on Facebook.

Clarence White moved that we adjourn. Supported by Cathy Ford. Carried.

Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



Do you need advice or assistance with a legal issue?

The Pokagon Band has arranged for Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) and Indiana Legal Services (ILS) to provide free legal services to Pokagon citizens (and in some cases, spouses of Pokagon citizens) regarding certain types of legal issues:

- Guardianships and Conservatorships
- Power of Attorney (Medical and/or Financial)
- Simple Wills
- Real Estate Matters
- Landlord Tenant Matters
- General civil matter legal advice
- Expungements (misdemeanor and low-level felony) in Indiana only
- Specialized Driving Permits in Indiana only

Except for criminal matters in Pokagon Tribal Court, there are no asset or income restrictions for Pokagon Band citizens receiving this free legal service. Not all legal services provided include representation in court, in some instances the available legal services are limited to document review, document preparation, and/or providing legal advice.

ELDERS COUNCIL MEETING

November 30, 2016

CALLED TO ORDER: 1:35 PM**ROLL CALL:** Stanley Morseau, Chairman (P) Maxine Margiotta, Vice Chair (P) Judy Augusta, Secretary (P) Clarence White, Treasurer (P) Cathy Ford, At Large (P) Judy Winchester, Elders Rep (absent).**INVOCATION:** Silent prayer**AGENDA****Donation Policy.** Read and get back to Paul Shagen at next meeting.**Mission Statement:** Read and come back with input.**Long Term Care:** Julie Dye asked us to do a resolution to go to Council to investigate Long Term Care.**Calendar:** Should be ready sometime next month. Hopefully before our Christmas party. The font will be made larger.**Preferred Printing:** Motion by Maxine Margiotta to pay Preferred Printing \$6,318.00 to print 2017 calendars, and we give Maxine permission to personally deliver the check. Seconded by Clarence White. Carried.**Emblem:** We can move ahead with plans. Paul Shagen wants to meet with us on December 07. We will offer a monetary value for the winner of the contest. Suggestion by Cathy Ford to begin the contest January 9, 2017 and end on February 09.**Christmas party:** Party is 11–3:00 p.m. Motion by Clarence White to accept the invoice for cooking and clean-up of Gary Morseau. Seconded by Stanley Morseau. Carried**Announcement:** Christmas party. Bring a gift to pass. It could be \$10–15 dollars.**Snow removal:** Jessica want us to use a new form. Snow removal now goes to her. A thought was to have Jessica come to December 7 meeting.

A question was raised as to whether or not we can give cash prizes. Ask Paul at next meeting.

A motion by Cathy Ford moved to recess until tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. Clarence White seconded. **Recessed 3:30 p.m.** Carried.**December 01, 2016****RECONVENED:** 11:15 a.m.**INVOCATION:** Clarence White**Roll Call:** Stanley Morseau, Chairman,(P), Maxine Margiotta, Vice-Chair (P), Clarence White, Treasurer (P), Judy Augusta, Secretary (P), Cathy Ford, At-Large (11:25), Judy Winchester, Elders Rep. (P) Beth Warner (P)**7GENS:** Scott Winchester. We met with Tribal Council and presented the design. Great news is there's 3 million dollars to do this building. The next step will be to put the construction out to bid. Bidding will go out in April–May. It usually takes 3 weeks.**COMMUNICATIONS:** Paige Risser/Kyla Carneiro.

Council is working on making a better relationship with communications. At this time we haven't had a meeting. Are there any suggestions from the floor? One suggestion was to see the Elders have a Facebook page. We would know when there are birthdays, deaths, etc. Maxine would like to see the Snow Removal application put in the newsletter each month. Web casting was another suggestion. Communications has a focus group January and February. If you would like to join there is a sign-up sheet on the table.

CALENDAR: We out sourced the Calendar this year and it will be ready this month. Preferred printing did the Calendars at the cost of \$6,318.00.**BETH WARNER:** Supplemental Assistance is going on now. Medicare Part B. As soon as you receive your notice bring them into Beth.**ABBY KUSCH** handed out a group photo of all those who went on the Mno Bmadson bus tour.**STACY GETTIG** is having a December 13 workshop with the Elders, They will be held once a month. Crafts will be working with traditional topics.**JUDY WINCHESTER:** Indiana property is now in trust. Tribal Council donated \$10,000.00 for the needs of the people in South Dakota. 30 people signed up to go to South Dakota to help out.**ELDERS CONCERNS:** Kathy Grant. She asked if council could bring in Jenny Brown again to do more basket classes. Cathy Ford suggested we give more basketmakers a chance to do a class.. Alternate between them.**TREASURER REPORT:** Laura Brychta.

Motion to accept the Treasurers report as read by Maxine Margiotta. Seconded by Clarence White. Carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Clarence White to accept the minutes of November 03, 2016. Seconded by Stanley Moreau. Carried**Old Business**

Julie Dye asked if Elders Council had investigated Long Term Care Insurance. Council will bring Melody Pillows back to give a more in depth talk on the issue.

Motion by Cathy Ford to adjourn. Seconded by Clarence White. Carried.

Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.**For past Elders Council meeting minutes, please visit: www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/elders-council/meeting-minutes**