

ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

January 5, 2017

Called to Order at 11:05 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, (P) Judy Winchester, Elders Rep, (P) Beth Warner (P)

Agenda

TREASURERS REPORT: Laura Brychta

Motion to accept the Treasurer Report by Clarence White, supported by Maxine Margiotta.

Carried

Melody Pillow – Medical Social Worker

Melody gave a power point presentation listing information. She said Area Agency can be of some help. Make sure individuals assisting you give you detailed information. State and Local agencies vary. The tribe cannot pay for home care as they don't have the money or grants for it.

There had been a survey done before she came on board. Does anyone know the results?

Roger Williams said he wants the matter to be taken care of now. Stanley informed him that if more concerned people go to the Tribal Council meeting and voice their concerns that would make a difference. People have more power in numbers. January 14 is the next Tribal Council Meeting.

Motion by Maxine Margiotta, supported by Judy Augusta to have Judy Winchester take the concerns of the people to Tribal Council. Carried.

Elders Concerns: Julie Dye asked if there was any information on the Focus Group. The focus group was supposed to be in January and February. No one has heard from them.

MINUTES:

Motion by Maxine Margiotta to accept the minutes as read, supported by Clarence White. Carried.

Judy Winchester, Elders Rep. Nothing to report this month.

Beth Warner, Elders Specialist. Medicare part B reimbursements. She will be mailing out forms to everyone. Complete them and return with a copy of your Social Security report.

TRIPS.

The Alaska and Hawaii trips were far too expensive. One trip would take half our budget, and the second would deplete our funds. The next trip has not been decided. We will look at the next highest trip on the list.

Old Business

Announcement:

MIEA, Scholarships apps. Are now available. Deadline to turn them is June 15, 2017. Little River Band will be hosting the next conference. A sign-up sheet will be at the next Business Meeting. A suggestion was made to not have the vendors in the same room as the meeting as it is a distraction. MIEA minutes will be put out on the table for everyone. Maxine would like everyone who attends the conference to bring an Auction items.

DONALD SUMMERS: announced the events going on at the Education department.

Elders Health and Wellness

Elders Technical Assistance

Elders Tutoring

One Story

Adjourned: Motion by Maxine Margiotta, supported by Clarence White to adjourned at 1:45 p.m. Carried.

Meetings Schedule for the Month

January 11, 2017, Elders Hall, 1:30 p.m.

January 19, 2017 Social

January 25, 2017, Elders Hall, 1:30 p.m.

Michigan Indian Elders Association Student Incentive Program and Scholarship Program

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (M.I.E.A) every year offers two awards to our Pokagon students. In 2017, the Elders Council will match each student's awards they receive from the Michigan Indian Elders Association.

The Incentive Program is grades 1–12, for perfect attendance award and grades 4–12 for straight A's award (A, A-, A+). A parent must complete the application for the student, which will have the qualifications in more detail. An update application for 2017 will be at the Department of Education (located in the Administration building at 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI) or you can get the application on the Michigan Indian Elders Association web site. It must be received or postmarked no later than March 15, 2017. Applications received/postmarked after March 15 will not be accepted. Award winners will be announced in April at the M.I.E.A Conference.

In the Scholarship Program, you must complete the application and all the questions/requests that apply to you and supply all requested supporting documentation. The application must be received or postmarked no later than June 15. Applications are available at the Pokagon Education Department 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac or on the Michigan Indian Elder Association web site. Award winners will be announced at July's M.I.E.A Conference. We encourage our Pokagon college students to apply.



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