

ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING JULY 12, 2013

MEETING called to order: Ken Radar, 11:12am.

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, Carl Wesaw, Elders Rep.

AGENDA: Jennifer Carver and Marian Sinkewiz of Berrien County Senior Services, discussed some of the programs that are available to seniors. There are senior centers in Hartford, Decatur and Paw Paw. They also serve Cass County, Active living classes are held at Elders Hall. Elders home care is also available, the charge is \$11.00 an hour. Any questions call (888) 899-8687.

Troy Clay of BNO-Bmadsen talked about some of the training programs that are available to Pokagons. Moving, replacing docks, food, casino, auto and sales business. Accu Mold is doing well, gas station is underway. Tribal revenue is circled back to tribe.

Andy Jackson introduced Dennis Banks and Paul Collins. Dennis was part of the American Indian Movement (AIM). Mr. Banks said looking ahead we need to go back to our roots. He has also written three books. Paul Collin explained that women played a big role in American history. One our first Astronauts was a Native American woman. Dennis Banks is writing a book and Mr. Collins will be the photographer.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Petey read some thank you cards from members who went on the South Dakota, they were very happy to have been on this historical trip.

Bus will depart for MIEA at 12:15pm, July 15.

We had two volunteers for Elder of the month.

NEW BUSINESS: Maxine informed the members about the trip to Minnesota Indian summer.

A mailing will be going out.

We also had a visitor from Oregon, Gail Flanagan, daughter of Mary Vogt.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

MINUTES : Ken moved to accept the minutes of May 2, 2013, with corrections, Clarence, supported, (5) yes, passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Clarence, moved to accept the treasurers report, Ken supported, (5) yes, passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 9:30 am – 12:00pm.

Active living classes and basket making will resume in the fall.

The Gathering will be held in Dowagiac MI, August 8 -11, 2013.

Elders picnic will be held July 26 at the Community Center, 11:00am.

JULY BIRTHDAYS: Jim Lepel, Ken Kirvan, Patsy Carney, Ken Rader, Linda Morseau, Scott Huston.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES: Paul & Vivian Jackson.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:55pm.