

**ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 7, 2013**

MEETING: Ken Radar, 11:07 a.m.

INVOCATION: Clarence White.

ROLL CALL: Maxine Margiotta, P, Clarence White, P, Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Ruth Saldivar, P. Also in attendance, Petey Boehm,

AGENDA: Sean Winters gave a report on Chi Ishobak. This program helps citizens get loans to start businesses, and help them get started. Commercial loans are available. Youth in the 13-17 years old are also helped to save money, education bonuses, personal finances.

Last year \$88,700.00 was spent helping 85 citizens. Contact Sean for further information.

Jason S. Wesaw informed the membership that Tribal Council has given their permission to start the Cultural Center. March 27 ,28, 29, meetings will be held at the Community Center for further discussion. You can contact Jason for more information.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Membership was informed that a trip to South Dakota was being looked into. The trip would take us to Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Monument, and a stop at Wounded Knee. Waiting on the quote to see what the price will be.

Audrey informed the membership that the deadline for Elders Representative to be filed is March 22, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS: MIEA conference will be held April 8,9,10, at the Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek MI. A \$25.00 deposit is required.

Petey informed us that active living classes will start March 8, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Ken Radar explained that the loan closet and the emergency fund will not be implemented due to the complex issues that could arise.

MINUTES : Maxine moved to accept the minutes of February 7, 2013, Ruth 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.

Chili cook-off will be held March 21, 2013.

Basket making will be held in March 27

Active living classes will be Fridays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Cooking class will be held March 28, 12:00 p.m. at the Commodity Bldg.

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS: Jim Topash, Gerald Wesaw, Evelyn "Cookie" Wesaw, Ila Jean Wolf, Carol Klemm, Pat Klemm, Ann Zimmerman, Essye Kirvan, Kittie Collett, Jo Shear Spichtig, Majel DeMarsh, Bonnie Daisy, Hal Weatherwax.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:00 p.m.