

ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING | APRIL 3, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Maxine Margiotta, 11:00 a.m.

INVOCATION: Carl Wesaw.

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

AGENDA: Dona Bielly-Weiler, Council on Aging, gave a talk about hoarding.

Hoarders hold onto junk mail of any kind, toilet paper. It gets so bad you can't sleep in the beds, eat at the table. Depression era people are most likely to be hoarders and it starts in childhood. Clutter is an excessive accumulation of items, stacks of paper, magazines. People who hoard and clutter get used to living in this mess and the smell. But it can be very dangerous, such as walking through the house. One and a half million are reported to be hoarders and clutterers.

Cindi Zwar, Pokagon Clinic manager introduced Priscilla Gattis, the new business manager that takes care of the bills. The Medical Care Review Committee meets and decides who needs further medical attention. The Health Board checks on policy and procedures.

Jason S. Wesaw gave a report on the new Cultural Center. The Center is built on the summer solstice line. It will feature living with the land the way our ancestors did. It will have a functional kitchen, a place for all departments and community needs, all ages, all activities, and all beliefs.

Carl Wesaw, Elders Rep. reported that new docks will be built at Gage Street and Sassafras Lake. More housing to be built soon, basketball court, playground, storage facilities are on the agenda for this summer. Need help to clean up Rush Lake.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Bonnie Parrish reported that the MIEA Conference will be held in Petoskey, MI on April 14, 15, 16, 2014. Would like suggestions of how we can streamline scholarships. Bonnie will not be running for Secretary this year, so start thinking of a possible new secretary. The bus for MIEA will leave at 10:00 a.m. from the Community Center on April 14. We will stop at Gun Lake for lunch.

Casey Kasper announced that a Mother's Day brunch will be held at the Community Center on May 4, 2014, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. RSVP by April 17, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS: The letters about the New York trip will be mailed this Friday. If you would like to as a group to the Dowagiac Museum, a signup sheet will be available.

OLD BUSINESS: Emergency fund policy is now ready. Forms can be picked up at Elders Hall.

MINUTES: Maxine Margiotta moved to accept the March 6 minutes, Ruth Saldivar supported.(3) yes, (1) absent, passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Audrey Huston moved to accept the treasurers report, Maxine, supported, (3) yes, (1) absent, passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Language classes, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Mondays.

Active living classes are held every Friday at Elders hall, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Business meeting will be held May 8, 2014.

Easter luncheon April 17, 2014. Decorate an Easter Bonnet and win a prize..

APRIL BIRTHDAYS: Valarie Baker, Bonnie Parrish, Yvonne “Petey” Boehm, Vivian Jackson, Judy Augusta, Carl Wesaw.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES: Stanley & Linda Morseau

ADJOURNMENT: 1:55 p.m.