

Elders Council Business Meeting May 7, 2015

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Stanley Morseau, 11:04 a.m.

Invocation: Don Summers.

ROLL CALL: Chairman, Stanley Morseau, P, Vice Chair, Maxine Margiotta, P, Treasurer, Clarence White, P, Secretary, Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Catherine Ford, P.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Beth Warner, Elder Specialist, A, Carl Wesaw, Elders Representative, P.

TREASURERS REPORT: Audrey moved to accept the Treasurer report, Catherine supported, 5 yes, passed.

MINUTES: Clarence, moved to accept the April 2, 2015 minutes, Maxine supported, (5) yes, passed.

AGENDA: Carl Wesaw, Elders Representative presentation, Tribal Council is doing strategic planning for the future, in discussion on the following.

- 1) Education
- 2) Transportation for Pokagon children to get to classes
- 3) Substance abuse

In the master plan, Tribal Council will have their own building and will be by the Arena at Rodgers Lake.

The United Tribes are asking for all Tribes input on the Child Welfare Act, and stand behind them with questions and concerns.

NICA: Roger Rader is up for the Midwest Chairman, now he is a delegate.

Medical bills.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Carlos Aquilla, Health Navigator for I.H.S. Explained that people with high medical will be enrolled in a medigap program. This will help I.H.S. recoup some of the monies spent. I.H.S. will pay the premiums.

Becky Price answered some questions concerning transportation. Why it is not available to everyone? Some actually abuse the program, drivers show up and the patient decides not to go. Council is looking at the problem in their strategic planning.

Fred Lamble, gave a short report on the proposed "Deferred Per Capita Savings Plan."

NEW BUSINESS: Terrie Barber gave Elders Council sixteen tickets dated for May 12, 2015. These are for the South Bend Cubs ball game at Four Winds Field.

Registration for the MIEA conference to be held in Mt. Pleasant July 21, 22, 23, 2105. Signup sheet is out.

Request to have Jim Coleman, Housing Director to attend the June business meeting.

Request to have Mark Pompey, Social Service Director to attend the July business meeting to discuss the burial fund.

Flowers were given to all the Mothers in honor of Mothers day.

OLD BUSINESS: Jacket applications will be sent soon. Mt Pleasant Boarding School Memorial was is Saturday, June 6, 2015.

Nominations for Elders Rep. was held April 17, 2015, at Elders Hall. Four candidates applied for the position. Two Candidates withdrew, one was not present. Nominated Judy Winchester as Elders Representative and she will be unopposed in the July election.

Lunch will be served at the Community Center May 8, due to the Elders Hall carpet being cleaned.

Sam Morseau, Education Director, You must sign up on line to attend the baseball game at Four Winds Field. Seating will be in a suite with hot dogs and other goodies. Schedule will be forth coming. Unsure of parking passes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Language classes, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Monday morning.

MAY BIRTHDAYS: Betty McBride, Teri Barber, Gus Gwilt, Paul Jackson, John White, Shirley Sigfrids, Mary Ruple, Eva Hoekstra.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES: Art & Faye Magnuson, 61 Years.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:40 pm, 4 Yes, 1 absent, passed.

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Don't forget our social lunches held every third Thursday of the month. On these days we may have holiday parties, special events, or games. Every weekday a hot lunch is served at the Elders Hall. You are welcome to come to meet new elders you may not know or visit your friends.

Medicare Part B Information for Elders

If you wish to be reimbursed for Medicare Part B, please send Beth Warner, Elders Specialist, a copy of your Social Security Statement. Statements can be mailed to:

Elders Program
PO Box 180
Dowagiac MI 49047

Or they can be faxed to (269) 782-1696. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact Beth Warner at (269) 782-0765.