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Elders Council Business Meeting December 4, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Stanley Morseau, 11:00 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, Ruth Saldivar, P.

Also in attendance: Beth Warner, Elder Specialist, Carl Wesaw, Elders Representative.

AGENDA: Don Summers, Education. Sign up is under way for the Kindle workshop. Upon completion of the course, Kindles will be awarded. Don then gave a demonstration of what Kindles can do.

Ed Williams Tribal Attorney introduced Doug McIntyre, (MILS) Attorney.

Mr. McIntyre will give free advice to qualified members. He will be here two days a week, giving advice on power of attorney and drafting of simple wills. There are many types of wills. A will designates who gets what.

Estate planning gives you peace of mind and avoids hardship on the family.

Durable power of Attorney gives an individual the power to act on your behalf.

Patient advocate has the power to make healthcare decisions on your behalf.

Probate is a legal process that goes thru Probate Court, and there can be expenses.

Beth Warner, Elders Specialist, reminded people to send a copy of their Medicare part B in. This is so they can be reimbursed for their Medicare part B.

Please consider becoming Elder of the month. A \$25.00 gift card will be given to you if you decide you would like to be Elder of the month. Contact Beth at 269-782-0765 for information.

Carl Wesaw, Elders Representative reported that the new Clinic is open and doing fine. Andy Jackson from Tribal Council was in Washington, DC and met with President Obama and other Native Nations. The Eagle head that was donated to MIEA has not been picked as of yet.

Gunn Lake is having a sobriety Pow Wow Dec. 31. A \$500.00 donation was asked for. A resolution was passed to donate \$500.00.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: A canister was set up for donations to a family that had a fire. Any further information can be had by contacting her Aunt, Ruth Saldivar.

Marvin & Pam Wilson donated a popcorn machine.

The Christmas luncheon will be held at the Community Center, December 17, 2014, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: \$506.00 was spent on sweat pants and shirts for the Veterans. A member donated \$20.00 and was used to purchase socks. Various other items were donated such as hygiene products, puzzles, cards and books.

At the Arts and Craft show \$266.20 was raised, this money goes into the emergency fund.

MINUTES: Maxine moved to accept the November 6, 2014 minutes, Stanley supported, (5) Yes, passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Maxine moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Stanley supported, (5) Yes, Passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Active Living, Fridays, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Victor Starrett, Mary Jo Morris, Marge Moody, Dorothy Burgh, Genevieve Wesaw, Jerry Campbell, Marie Manley Harwood, Dorothy Gwilt, Naomi Edwards, 97 years young.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES: Tom & Bonnie Parrish, Theresa & Earl McFall, Marvin & Pam Wilson, 40 years.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:52 pm.

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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.