



DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Culture Preservation Committee

FCS Conference Room

5110 Tuxedo Blvd. Bartlesville, OK 74006

February 4th, 2025 5:30 pm

I. Call to Order

1. Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Welcome Guests
4. Approve the Agenda

II. Approval of January 2025 Minutes

III. Treasurer's Report

January 2025 Financials

IV. Old Business

1. Amend motions to pay speakers.
2. Pahsahikan Class
3. Wampum belt

V. New Business

1. Committee programming safety
2. Classes for March/April
3. Kansas Delawares

VI. Motions and notices

VII. Set the time, date and location of the next meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

Alicia Rezendes, Secretary

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458-225-4934

**Minutes of the Culture Preservation Committee Meeting**

January 7th, 2025

Present: Tristen Tucker, Martina Thomas, Alicia Rezendes and Sarah Boyd were present via zoom. Jim was excused due to illness.

The meeting was called to order at 5:14 p.m. by Martina Thomas.

A prayer was given by Tristen . Roll call was taken. We then reviewed the agenda and agreed to approve pending corrections.

#1.) Martina made a motion to excuse Jim. Tristen seconded.

Levi joined the meeting via zoom. At 5:17.

#2.) Sarah made a motion to approve the agenda for the January 7th meeting pending corrections. It was seconded by Alicia.

#3.) Levi made a motion to approve Nov. 2024 financials.

It was seconded by Martina.

Next we discussed the 3 part history class, who would be available to teach and what we would be paying speakers.

Levi shared that Nicky Michael and Jeremy Johnson were available to teach.

Sarah then shared a story about her experiences at Caeser's Ford Theatre, and what they did and taught while there.

We continued to discuss who could fill the last history class as a speaker and Martina said that she would be up for teaching one of the classes.

We decided that Martina will teach Pre-contact, Jeremy will teach contact/displacement, and Nicky will teach where we are today.

We then discussed how much to pay speakers. We agreed that we would pay \$250 to each speaker.

#4.) Sarah made a motion to pay Martina Thomas \$250, for a 1 hour talk, on pre-contact for the history class. (paid by line item #62351.)

It was seconded by Levi. Martina Abstained.

#5.) Sarah made a motion to pay Jeremy Johnson \$250, for a 1 hour talk, on contact/displacement, for the history class. (paid by line item #62351)

It was seconded by Levi.

#6.) Sarah made a motion to pay Nicky Michael \$250 for a 1 hour talk, on where we are today as Lenape people for the history class. (paid by line item #62351)

It was seconded by Levi.

Next we discussed the brain tan class. Tristen spoke of his concerns of not being able to get a hide in time and not having any place to store it until the class. He then suggested using different animal hides for the class to make it easier, like coyotes or raccoons, Levi suggested beavers.

Then we discussed purchasing materials for the class and Levi suggested green deer hides.

Then we discussed the pahsahikan class, what we would need for materials and if we would have enough material for everyone to go home with a football. Sarah suggested we do a drawing for who ended up with one.

Alicia asked about correcting the minutes.

Next we discussed how much to spend per class.

#7.) Levi made a motion to spend up to \$500 for green deer hides for the February class. (paid by line item #62351)

It was seconded by Tristen.

#8.) Levi made a motion to spend up to \$200 for tanned leather, glover needles, sinew, razors and other supplies, for the February class. (paid by line item #62351)

It was seconded by Tristen.

Next we discussed having 8 people in the football making class, as well as having a zoom class available for any federally recognized tribal member. They would be responsible for providing their own supplies for the class, which will be provided in a supplies list. We went over the need for leather, sinew, glover needles, and green deer hide. The class is to be held on Feb. 23rd, 3-8 pm, with a 5 pm dinner break.

#9.) Levi made a motion to pay Tristen Tucker \$60 to help teach the pahsahikan (Indian football) class. (paid by line item #62351)

It was seconded by Martina. Tristen abstained.

#10.) Martina made a motion to amend the December meeting minutes, that the pahsahikan (indian football) class is on February 23rd.

It was seconded by Alicia.

#11.) Martina made a motion to amend the December meeting minutes, that the first history class is on the 23rd of January.

It was seconded by Levi.

Next we discussed the survey results. There were 20 responses, from Florida, Kansas, Bartlesville/Copan area, with the most common age range in responses being around 35-44. Days that work best for cultural classes were said to be Sat, Sunday and Friday. Best time after 6 pm. There was a wide interest in all of the classes that were suggested on the survey.

Next we discussed the use of jotform and the possibility of giving stipulations for signing up for classes, to confirm attendance leading closer to the class date- to allow space for others interested if there are last minute cancellations. We ultimately decided not to use jot form and continue doing things how we have been.

Levi then suggested having multiple classes on one subject, split up, so that more people have an opportunity to participate in case they were unable to join the first class.

Next we discussed getting a zoom account and creating an email for that zoom that we can all access. Alicia said that she would look into creating the email and what it would require.

Next we revisited making a wampum belt and purchasing supplies. We discussed not wanting to involve politics in the creation of this belt. Sarah suggested we create a write up about the belt, before sharing publicly. We collectively agreed this topic would require a special meeting.

We then moved on to new business.

#12.) Martina made a motion to ratify poll votes made on 12/14/2024

It was seconded by Alicia.

We then discussed the culture camp and decided that discussion would also require a separate special meeting, as there is a lot to go over.

Next we discussed a drum group. Sarah had shared that a song was gifted to our tribe a few years ago at powwow. We had talked about having these classes 1-2 times a week for an hour

and a half, to teach the basics of drumming and how to respect the drum. We discussed various people to head the class, and provide beverages. Who to ask for use of a big drum and compensation for drummers. We ultimately decided that we need to wait until we have confirmation of participation for drummers, before scheduling anything.

Next we discussed the various topics that we need to go over in a special meeting, including the culture camp and wampum belt, and setting a date.

#13.) Levi made a motion to spend up to \$100 at Tacos Maria, for the January 19th special meeting.

It was seconded by Martina.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

The next special meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 19th, at 6pm in the FCS building.

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4th @ 5:30 in the FCS building.

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

December 3rd 2024

Motion Number 1

Motion made by: Martina

Seconded by: Tristen

Motion: To excuse Jim due to illness.

Motion passed: Yes 4      No 0      Abstain 0

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Motion Number 2

Motion made by: Sarah

Seconded by: Alicia

Motion: To approve the agenda.

Motion passed: Yes 5      No 0      Abstain 0

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Motion Number 3

Motion made by: Levi

Seconded by: Martina

Motion: To approve the Nov. 2024 financials.

Motion passed: Yes 5      No 0      Abstain 0

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Motion Number 4

Motion made by: Sarah

Seconded by: Levi

Motion: To pay Martina Thomas \$250, for an hour talk, on pre-contact for the history class.  
(paid by line item #62351)

Motion passed: Yes 4      No 0      Abstain 1

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### Motion Number 5

Motion made by: Sarah

Seconded by: Levi

Motion:To pay Jeremy Johnson \$250, for a 1 hour talk, on contact/displacement for the history class. (paid by line item #62351)

Motion passed: Yes 5      No 0      Abstain 0

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### Motion Number 6

Motion made by: Levi

Seconded by:Sarah

Motion:To pay Nicky Michael \$250 for a 1 hour talk, on where we are today as Lenape people for the history class. (paid by line item #62351)

Motion passed: Yes 5      No 0      Abstain 0

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### Motion Number 7

Motion made by: Levi

Seconded by: Tristen

spend up to \$500 for green deer hides for the February class. (paid by line item #62351)

Motion passed: Yes 5      No 0      Abstain 0

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Motion Number 8

Motion made by: Levi

Seconded by: Tristen

Motion: To spend up to \$200 for tanned leather, glover needles, sinew, razors and other supplies, for the February class. (paid by line item #62351)

Motion passed: Yes 5        No 0        Abstain 0

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Motion Number 9

Motion made by: Levi

Seconded by: Martina

Motion: To pay Tristen Tucker \$60 to help teach the pahsahikan (Indian football) class. (paid by line item #62351)

Motion passed: Yes 4        No 0        Abstain 1

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Motion Number 10

Motion made by: Martina

Seconded by: Alicia

Motion: To amend the December meeting minutes, that the pahsahikan (indian football) class is on February 23rd.

Motion passed: Yes 5      No 0      Abstain 0

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Motion made by: Martina

Seconded by: Levi

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Motion passed: Yes 5      No 0      Abstain 0

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Motion Number 12

Motion made by: Martina

Seconded by: Alicia

Motion: To ratify poll votes made on 12/14/2024.

Motion passed: Yes 5      No 0      Abstain 0

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Motion Number 13

Motion made by: Levi

Seconded by: Alicia

Motion: To spend up to \$100 at Tacos Maria, for January 19th special meeting.

Motion passed: Yes 5      No 0      Abstain 0

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February 4th, 2025

Present: Tristen Tucker, Martina Thomas, Alicia Rezendes and Levi Randoll. Jim Rementer, Sarah Boyd and Gretchen Williams were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 5:52 p.m. by Levi Randoll.

A prayer was given by Tristen . Roll call was taken.

#1.) Martina made a motion to excuse Jim.

It was seconded by Levi.

#2.) Levi made a motion to excuse Gretchen.

It was seconded by Tristen.

#3.) Levi made a motion to excuse Sarah.

It was seconded by Martina.

Next we reviewed the agenda.

#4.) Levi made a motion to approve the agenda.

It was seconded by Martina.

Next we reviewed last month's meeting minutes.

#5.) Levi made a motion to approve January meeting minutes, pending amendments.

It was seconded by Martina.

#6.) Levi made a motion to amend motion #5 in the January minutes, to say "To give Jeremy Johnson a \$250 honorarium", for a 1 hour talk, on contact/displacement for the history class. Tristen abstained.

Next we discussed the Pahsahikan class. Levi said that he would order all of the supplies needed for the class.

We then discussed the week long brain tan class in March, 15th-19th, with 10 spots available. Then we discussed the various tools and supplies that would be required for brain tanning.

Next we discussed how much to spend per class.

#7.) Martina made a motion to spend up to \$500 on supplies for the brain tan class. (paid by line item #62351)

It was seconded by Levi.

#8.) Tristen made a motion to spend up to \$500 for tools for the brain tan class. (paid by line item #62351)

It was seconded by Martina.

#9.) Martina made a motion to spend up to \$500 on food for the brain tan class. (paid by line item #62351)

It was seconded by Levi.

Next we discussed the Wampum Belt Community Gathering, on Sunday April 13th. We again spoke of feeding buffalo corn soup and skillet bread.

It was then brought up that during last year's Messenger Race, we were one wampum strand short for the runners, and to give Tristen's wampum to the runner. We agreed as a committee that Tristen should have still received a wampum strand.

#10.) Levi made a motion to spend up to \$200 on wampum, for the 2024 Messenger Race winner. It was seconded by Alicia. Tristen abstained. (paid by line item #62351)

We then discussed what class we would hold for the month of April. Alicia suggested having another wampum bracelet class, to fall in line with the wampum belt gathering we are

hosting. We decided the class would be on Friday, April 11th at 6pm in the FCS building and that we would cook chilli and cornbread.

#11.) Levi made a motion to spend up to \$500 on wampum, for the Wampum bracelet class. It was seconded by Tristen. (paid by line item #62351)

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#13.) Levi made a motion to spend up to \$200, supplies for the Wampum Bracelet Class. (paid by line item #62351)

It was seconded by Martina.

#14.) Martina made a motion to pay Alicia Rezendes \$50 to make the flyer for the wampum class. (paid by line item #55001)

It was seconded by Levi. Alicia abstained.

#15.) Martina made a motion to pay Alicia Rezendes \$50 for the Wampum Community Gathering Flyer. (paid by line item #55001)

It was seconded by Levi. Alicia abstained.

#16.) Martina made a motion to spend up to \$200, for food and drinks for the Wampum Bracelet Class. (paid by line item #62351)

It was seconded by Levi.

Next we discussed the drum group, previously brought up by Tristen at the last meeting. He shared that he had reached out to a few people, but that interest in involvement was lacking. We talked about various people who could potentially help in starting a local drum group up and encouraged Tristen to reach out. Levi offered to help as well.

We then moved on to new business. Levi wanted to discuss the importance of committee programming safety, in light of the information given at the last Tribal Council meeting, of threats of gun violence and death, from council member Bonnie Jo Griffith. Our committee agreed that we do not feel safe, nor condone the participation of any tribal member who makes such threats.

#17.) Levi made a motion to ban Bonnie Jo Griffith, from all activities, classes and events, hosted by the Cultural Preservation Committee, for 1 year, effective February 5th, 2025.

It was seconded by Alicia.

Next we discussed the Kansas Delawares. Martina shared that she would like to go on record, that she believes the KS Delawares should be allowed to participate with us in our classes and programs.

She said that she will be reaching out to the Chief, to discuss the past resolution made that states that we are not to participate with them, for clarification. Alicia was in agreement with Martina.

We then discussed adding a new member due to Sarah leaving and who would be good candidates for the position.

Next, Alicia shared that Jim had completed the 2025 Delaware calendar that has been posted on the tribal website and is available for download, as well as the Lenape Word a Day calendar for February, is posted and available for download on the website.

Tristen then mentioned the avian conservation presentation happening in February and asking for committee support in participation.

#18.) Levi made a motion to adjourn at 8:22 pm.

It was seconded by Martina

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