

**Delaware Tribe of Indians  
Elders Committee Meeting  
Minutes of  
February 26, 2025**

**Call to Order:** Jana Roth, Vice Chair, at 1:07 pm.  
The meeting was held in the FCS Meeting Room and on Zoom.

**Roll Call:**

Beverly Hicks, Chair - present via Zoom due to illness  
Jana Roth, Vice Chair - present  
Angelia Franke, Secretary - present  
Mollie Martin, Treasurer - present  
Steve Donnell, Sargent-at-Arms, - absent  
Annette Ketchum, Elder Liaison - present  
Billie Jean Sheshey, Elder-at-Large - absent due to illness

**Prayer:** Farrell Burks

**Approval of Minutes:** Corrections to the minutes of the January 22, 2025, meeting were the spelling of Bear Tompkins' name and that Billie Jean Sheshey attended via Zoom. Motion by Annette Ketchum to approve the minutes as corrected and seconded by Mollie Martin. Corrected minutes were unanimously approved.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report by Mollie Martin:** The financial report given to the Elder Committee had errors and was incomplete. A motion to table the approval of the Treasurer's Report until the March meeting was made by Angelia Franke and seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried unanimously.

**Elder Liaison Report:** Annette Ketchum was not provided an invitation link to join the Trust Board meeting held on January 17, 2025. Dana apologized and gave Annette a copy of her notes from the meeting. Annette provided each Elder Committee member with a copy of the notes and read those aloud. Mollie Martin made the motion to accept the Elder Liaison Report. Seconded by Angelia Franke. Motion carried unanimously.

**Guests:**

Farrell Burks, Trust Board Chair and David Inda. Heather Graham wanted to join the meeting via Zoom, but Billie Jean Sheshey had been hospitalized and was unable to provide the link.

**Old Business:**

**a. Officer Roles and Responsibilities**

A motion to approve the Elder Committee Constitution and By-Laws was made by Annette Ketchum and seconded by Angelia Franke. Motion carried unanimously. The documents will be submitted Friday, February 28, 2025, to the Trust Board.

**b. Trust Board Prescription Program**

Farrell Burks invited all Elder Committee members to the Trust Board meeting on Friday, February 28, 2025, at 9:30 am in the FCS Building. He spoke again asking the Elder Committee to take on the expense and approval of requests of the prescription assistance program to connect the Elder Committee with at-large elder members. While all of the requests are from elders, the Trust Board cannot determine at this time how many are at-large members. These questions were asked by Elder Committee members:

1. Has the Trust Board asked the Chief for money for the prescription assistance program? Farrell stated this has not occurred.
2. Why couldn't tribal council members donate a portion of their discretionary money for this program?
3. Could Tribal Council businesses help pay a portion?
4. Could all tribal departments help fund the program, not just the Elder Committee?

No action was taken.

**c: Set dates for activities**

No date was set for the foraging class.

**d: Peyote Beading Class**

Supplies costs for these classes and the March jewelry class were less than \$500. Four more beading classes will be offered.

- Mollie Martin left the meeting at 3:24 pm. Quorum was still maintained.

**New Business:**

- a. **Loom Beading Class** – tabled
- b. **Delaware Woman's Blouse Class** - tabled
- c. **Zoom Discussion**

Farrell Burks confirmed that the Elder Committee could purchase a Zoom subscription and then be reimbursed by the Trust Board. A motion to purchase a yearly Zoom Pro Account for no more than \$250 was made by Angelia Franke. Seconded by Jana Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

**d. Paper**

A motion to order a case of paper for \$50 or less was made by Annette Ketchum. Seconded by Jana Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

**e. Spring Gathering Basket**

Jana Roth made a motion for the Elder Committee members to donate items for the Spring Gathering basket to be raffled. Seconded by Angelia Franke. Motion carried unanimously.

\*A five minute break was taken from 3:35 to 3:40 pm.

**f. Annette Ketchum spoke about Jacque McDonald, an artist, who specializes in pottery and ceramics. Jacque has offered to instruct a class on making pinch pots. Even though she has offered to provide materials, it was discussed that she should be given an honorarium. No action was taken.**

**g. Ratify Poll Votes from January**

A motion to ratify the poll votes 1-3 **was** made by Annette Ketchum and seconded by Angelia Franke. Motion carried unanimously.

**h. Lenape Center Youth Activity**

Several concerns were raised by Elder Committee members. Jana Roth will bring these concerns to the Tribal Council.

**Set Date of Next Meeting**

The Education Committee meeting was set at the same time the Elder Committee was to meet in March. Because of this conflict, a date was not set for March.

**Motion to Adjourn** with the next meeting date to be announced was made by Annette Ketchum. Seconded by Jana Roth. Motion carried unanimously. Adjournment at 4:02 pm.

Submitted by Angelia Franke on February 26, 2025