

Delaware Tribe of Indians
Elders Committee Meeting
Minutes of April 22, 2025

Call to Order: Beverly Hicks, at 1:08 pm.

The meeting was held in the FCS Meeting Room and on Zoom.

Roll Call:

Beverly Hicks, Chair - present

Jana Roth, Vice Chair - present

Angelia Franke, Secretary - present via Zoom

Mollie Martin, Treasurer - present

Steve Donnell, Sargent-at-Arms, - present

Annette Ketchum, Elder Liaison - present

Billie Jean Sheshey, Elder-at-Large – present via Zoom

Prayer: Given by Annette Ketchum.

Approval of Minutes: A correction to the minutes of the March 26, 2025, meeting was changed to give Jana Roth or Beverly Hicks the article for the DIN. Motion by Jana Roth to approve the minutes as corrected and seconded by Annette Ketchum. Corrected minutes were unanimously approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report by Mollie Martin: The financial report for March, 2025, was presented by Mollie Martin. The Elder Committee received a \$25 cash donation from Archie Elvington. Expenses since January 1, 2025, are \$1,343.90 leaving a balance of \$13,656.10. Jana Roth will ask Trust Board about the \$650 of unrestricted money. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to the pending audit was made by

Billie Jean Sheshey and seconded by Jana Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

Elder Liaison Report: Annette Ketchum presented the notes she took during the Delaware Tribal Council Workshop on April 14, 2025. Items discussed were the REAL ID Tribal Card proposal and it was decided to continue producing the cards in house, Dr. Cory Logston will establish a project that could bring Delaware stories to people by using virtual reality, Tonya will continue to sit on Grand Gateway Board of Directors, and the new housing director was introduced. Lastly, two lawyers who practice Indian Law introduced themselves and explained the importance of having a state-of-the-art constitution. Chief said the tribe is interested subject to an agreeable contract. Jana Roth made the motion to accept the Elder Liaison Report. Seconded by Steve Donnell. Motion carried unanimously.

Guests:

David Inda, Jonni Donnell, Connie Falleaf and Tristan Tucker. Tristan presented the idea to have a social dance during a visit with Nancy Sumpter and invited the Elder Committee to participate along with the Cultural Preservation Committee. Jana Roth made a motion to work with the Cultural Preservation Committee to assist with drinks and snacks. Seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried unanimously. Tristan also invited the Elder Committee to take a trip to his personal Lenape museum in his home. The Garden Club will take a field trip to the Eucha Butterfly Farm if an elder would like to attend.

The Elder Committee went into Executive Session at 1:55 pm. The return to the business meeting was at 2:11 pm.

Old Business:

A. Laptop, camera, stand and electrical equipment: A motion was made by Annette Ketchum for Jana Roth and Angelia Franke to research and purchase a laptop and accessories at Best Buy not to exceed \$500. Seconded by Billie Jean Sheshey. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Annette Ketchum for Jana Roth and Angelia Franke to research and purchase a camera and accessories from Best Buy not to exceed \$500. Seconded by Billie Jean Sheshey. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Earring beading supplies

Beverly Hicks has reserved the room in the FCS Building for every Tuesday in June for the earring classes. Angelia Franke made a motion to purchase up to \$300 for supplies for the classes. Seconded by Mollie Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Annette's class

The class will be held on July 12 in Forsythe Hall from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Martina offered to provide food.

D. Every Child Matters jewelry class

The class will be held on August 16 with a limit of 10 participants. Angelia Franke made a motion to spend up to \$500 in supplies for the class. Seconded by Jana Roth. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0. Annette Ketchum stepped out of the room prior to the vote.

E. Honorarium for Billie Jean Sheshey for teaching a MMIP+ jewelry class

A motion was made by Jana Roth to pay an honorarium of \$100 to Bille Jean Sheshey. Seconded by Steve Donnell. Motion carried 5-0 with Billie Jean Sheshey abstaining and Annette Ketchum unavailable for a vote.

New Business:

A. Painting class by Angela Jeffers

Beverly Hicks presented this idea for a future class.

Set Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is set for May 20, 2025 at 1:00 pm in the FCS Room.

Motion to Adjourn by Steve Donnell. Seconded by Jana Roth. Motion carried unanimously. Adjournment at 2:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Angelia Franke on April 23, 2025